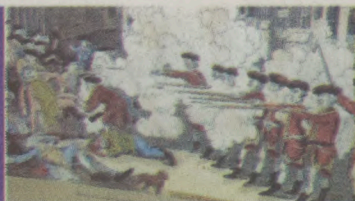




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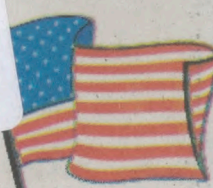


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Special Town Meeting for Sciarappa Farm

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen voted to hold a Special Town Meeting as a part of the 2018 annual Town Meeting. The business of the meeting is the purchase, by the town, of the Sciarappa Farm property, of which 62.5 acres lie in Wilmington.

Selectman Michael McCoy proposed this Special Town Meeting near the conclusion of the Board of Selectmen meeting on March 26. McCoy, along with Selectman Kevin Cairra and Selectman Ed Loud, voted in favor. Chairman Michael Champoux voted against the proposal, and Selectman Greg Bendel abstained from casting a vote.

McCoy stated that it was important that the town purchase the land before the potential rezoning and sale

of the land based on the warrant article on the schedule for the annual Town Meeting.

"God's not making any more property, folks, and if we have the opportunity to buy this property we should."

McCoy noted that the costs would be astronomical if the town does not move to purchase immediately.

The proposal for the Special Town Meeting does not specify the avenue by which the town would acquire the land, and mentions gift, purchase, and eminent domain as options. Town Manager Jeffrey Hull noted that the language of the article left room for a variety of fund sources for the purchase, including appropriation through tax levy, free cash, and borrowing.

Hull also expressed concern with the logistics of scheduling the meeting. He explained that an appraisal

of the property must take place, and that following that appraisal there is a series of legal steps which must occur before a Special Town Meeting takes place.

"This was kind of by surprise," he said.

Chairman Michael Champoux noted that he was not opposed to keeping options open and had imagined a Special Town Meeting might be called after the original warrant article was voted upon, but that he was not in favor of holding a Special Town Meeting as part of Town Meeting.

"My feeling is that I want to hear what the people want," Champoux said.

According the motion voted upon, the Special Town Meeting will be the first issue taken up for discussion and vote at the annual Town Meeting, subject to a quorum being reached.



▲ FENNELLY

Former Wilmington student, Fennelly wants School seat

By LIZZIE HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON - Jesse Fennelly will be on the ballot for Wilmington School Committee on April 28. The School Committee has two open seats this year, along with two other candidates: incumbent Mary Jane Byrnes and newcomer David Ragsdale.

Fennelly is passionate about the town and its residents and he's excited for the prospect of representing them both on the committee.

Being a product of the public school system, plus raising two kids of his own through Wilmington schools, makes Fennelly want to get involved in this capacity.

"I want to make sure that [my kids] have the best education they can get," he shared.

A great education is what he knows will open doors and create unlimited possibilities for the future of all Wilmington kids.

Should he be elected, he wants to take care to acclimate Dr. Glenn Brand into his new position as superintendent.

"The school system has been without consistent leadership for awhile."

While he acknowledged the excellent job

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▲ EATON

(Courtesy photos)

Eaton, FinCom member, seeks selectmen seat

By LIZZIE HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON - For the open seat on the Board of Selectmen, Wilmington will see two names on the upcoming election ballot: Robert Fasulo and Jonathan Eaton.

Eaton earned a background as an Applied Behavior Analysis Counselor for children with autism before he went to Suffolk Law and founded his own law firm. He's recently transitioned back into a career in health and higher education and now he's ready to take on a new role in town.

He mentioned that his experience in industry would be applicable to the board when it comes to litigation, transitioning between councils, and transrail. Besides working in negotiating grants and contracts for medical school faculty to be able to conduct medical research, Eaton also has experience serving the town on the library strategic planning committee, the Rotary Club, and the Finance Committee. He would bring all of his skills and time spent in these positions onto the board.

The most important thing that Eaton has been able to do in terms of preparation for his candidacy has been on the Finance Committee.

"Part of my role...is sitting down with each of the department heads and Town Manager to view the budget each year," he said. "I've become quite familiar with

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Residents to vote on Analog tax benefit

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Analog Devices remains on track to receive a tax benefit from the town, albeit a more modest one than originally proposed. Following a vote of four in favor with one abstention, the new tax agreement plan will be brought before residents at the 2018 Town Meeting.

At the Wilmington Board of Selectmen Meeting on March 26, Town Manager Jeffrey Hull outlined the modified tax agreement developed through dialogue between Analog and town officials. The new proposal is an 8-year tax increment financing agreement. A tax relief of 4.3 million dollars has been authorized, not on existing taxes being paid but on the new value of any

construction only. This construction does not include renovations of current structures.

The relief includes \$700,000 waived in building permit fees, which are estimated at 1.1 million dollars for this project. The TIF would begin as soon as there is taxable value in terms of construction.

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Town agrees upon interim legal coverage

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The question of interim legal coverage for the town of Wilmington between April and the end of the current fiscal year has been answered. On March 26, Town Manager Jeffrey Hull presented the details of the interim counsel agreement to the Board of Selectmen.

In the proposed arrangement, firm Brooks and Derensis will temporarily provide all legal services that have been provided by Deutsch Williams over past several years. Deutsch Williams disbanded, effective March 31, and as such sought an early end to its contract with the town for the current fiscal year.

The one exception to coverage provided by Brooks

and Derensis is that one attorney from prior firm Deutsch Williams is working on a currently active arbitration case, and will continue to do so. Brooks and Derensis will assume the costs of the one attorney representing the town on that arbitration matter.

The agreement lasts three months, from April 1 through

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Merit Badge Clinic

Three Scouts from Wilmington Troop 136 attended a recent Traffic Safety Merit Badge Clinic conducted by the office of Middlesex District Attorney Marion Ryan. After attending this session as well as completing additional requirements, these three scouts will be presented their Traffic Study Merit Badge at an upcoming Court Of Honor. Scouts: (L-R) Conor Byrnes, David McLaren, Max Pappas; back row: Lexington Sgt Paul Callahan, Middlesex District Atty. Ryan, State Police Sgt Timothy Dowd and State Trooper John Cronin. Troop 136 is looking for a few more boys who have an interest in Boy Scouts. Troop 136 is sponsored by American Legion Post 136 and meets at Wilmington Mason Hall (Friendship Lodge) located on Church Street, next to Rotary Park. For questions, please call: Frank West (978) 658-1754.



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WILMINGTON - ANNUAL Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 7th, 2018
12 noon to 2 p.m.

Public Buildings Department
30 Church Street

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Cost: \$10.00 per animal

For your convenience, the Town Clerk's Office will be available at the Rabies Clinic to process your 2018 Dog License if you have not already done so.

Cost: \$10.00 spayed/neutered
\$15.00 non-spayed/non-neutered, there is a late fee of \$15.00 for all dogs licensed after April 18, 2018.



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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Codebreaking and Information Theory on April 11

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding many of the following programs.

How-to Sew *RR
Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm
Learn hand-sewing basics, including various stitches,

how to sew on a button; mend a seam, and more with seamstress and Wilmington resident Christine Lemieux. Supplies included.

10 Things to Know About Long Term Investing *RR
Monday, April 9, 10 am
Many people get flawed investment advice. Take a ten-question quiz to test your knowledge of long-term investment facts in this fun and engaging workshop. Scott and Brian Hawley from 3D Asset Management will review the questions and explain the answers. Expect

to be surprised!

Codebreaking and Information Theory *RR
Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm
Since the time of antiquity, humans have been sending coded messages to each other in order to protect sensitive information. Join Harvard professor Chris Rycroft for an overview of the development of cryptography and information theory. The talk will cover historical methods for encoding messages, the seminal work of Claude Shannon in the 1940's that laid the foundations for digi-

tal communication, and modern approaches that are used to protect everyday internet transactions. Geared to a general audience.

Tap Into Spring *RR
Thursday, April 19, 2:30 pm
Together, Jenny (singer and tap dancer) and Jacob (pianist and violinist) play a repertoire that spans the Great American Songbook, jazz standards, original compositions, and tap dance choreography from the Copaceticos. Not to be missed!

Novel Ideas Fiction Book Group *RR
Thursday, April 19, 7 pm
Featured Book: Emma in the Night by Wendy Walker
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Kim Rowley. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book.

Kids & Teen Events

Drop-In Storytime

Friday, April 6, 10:00 am
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Space is limited. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 2-5 and one or more adults

SAT Practice Test *RR
Saturday, April 7, 12:30-5 pm
Practice the new SAT for free! Organized through The Princeton Review, students take the entire 3 hour and 50 minute test allowing an extra 25 minutes for breaks, and then receive their scores via email. Grades 9-12

Baby Laptime *RR
Monday, April 9, 9:30 am
Join us for a morning of songs, tickles, bounces, and rhymes perfect for little pre-walking babies and their caregivers. Infants-15 months

Exploration Station: Rainforest *RR
Monday, April 9, 10:30 am
Explore science through hands on activities. Ages 3-5

Art Adventures: Sushe Felix Desert Landscapes *RR
Tuesday, April 10, 3:45 pm
Create your own masterpiece in the style of Sushe Felix. We'll explore different forms of media and techniques to make one of a kind desert landscapes for you to take home. Grades 1-5

Star Mag
Wednesday, April 11, 3:45 pm
Drop in to help create this magazine written by, for, and about kids and published by the library. Bring in finished, original artwork, puzzles, poems, comics, and jokes or create it while you are here. Grades 3-6

Mini Monets *RR
Thursday, April 12, 10 am
Children learn to express their creativity, practice fine motor skills, and experiment through art. Join us as we discover our inner artists through creative play! Ages 18 months-2

Abundant Life Christian School hosts silent auction and pasta dinner

WILMINGTON — Abundant Life Christian School's 19th annual Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction will be held Friday, April 13 at 5 p.m. Join them as they raise money to support the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. in May. Each year, the eighth grade has the opportunity to go on a class trip to see the nation's capital and learn about the great history of this country while making memories to last a lifetime.

The pasta dinner was first held back in April of 1999 and the silent auction

was added in 2007. It has since become the most highly anticipated event of the year! It is a wonderful community event with food, fun and friends. The pasta dinner has two seatings, at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Prices are \$7 per ticket, with children 8 and under at \$5. In addition, take-out orders are available.

They are truly thankful for the generosity of the many businesses who donated to the event. The food for the pasta dinner has been donated by several local restaurants and vendors including Wilming-

ton's: Arrow Paper Corporation, Elia's Country Store, Lucci's Supermarket, Market Basket, PepsiCo, Rizzo's Roast Beef & Pizza, Rocco's Restaurant, Tre-mezzo Ristorante, Uptown Deli & Catering; Tewksbury's: Luna Rosa; Woburn's: Bertucci's, Polcari's; Methuen's: Olive Garden Italian Restaurant; and Toni's Own Cookies. In addition, the silent auction has well over 200 items that were donated by the local community and beyond. The auction items include Billy Graham's Book, Billy Graham: God's Ambassa-

dor A Lifelong Mission Of Giving Hope To The World; Block Island Ferry Passenger Tickets; Pats Peak Lift Tickets; King Triton Car Care Center Certificate; Handmade baby blankets; Grotonwood summer camp; Boston Rock Gym kids climb certificates; Paddle Boston day of paddling; Ironstone Farm horseback riding lesson; Family four pack to Springfield Museums; Soul-fest single-day admissions; Mill Falls at the Lake one night stay; Photo session with Mary Peacock Photography to name a few.

There is something for everyone.

Come, relax, and be served by the eighth grade Class of 2018 and place your bids. For further information please contact Abundant Life Christian School at (978) 657-8710.

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center is a private, Christian school located in the Abundant Life Christian Center of Wilmington. It desires to produce students who are uniquely prepared to discover the world around them, to be inquisitive about its many facets, are

creative in their approach to problems, and seek to grow individually all in the framework of Christian faith.

It offers a curriculum that is academically sound, intellectually challenging and theologically consistent with faith in Jesus Christ. For more information please contact the school at 978-657-8710 or go to <http://www.ablifeschool.com>.

You can follow Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center on Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/AbundantLifeChristianSchoolLearningCenter>.

Historical fiction added to Book Stew recipe

WILMINGTON — Local author Dorah Blume went to Florence, Italy, as a 19-year old art student — and all she brought back was an imagining of the life of artist Sandro Botticelli.

Meet Dorah and learn about Botticelli's bad decisions in her novel "Botticelli's Muse," the first in a projected trilogy. Blume herself is an artist, and her drawings light up the story

like a monk's illuminated manuscript.

Please check out this new Book Stew episode on WCTV on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at noon.

To watch online, use this link for the latest episode <http://wctv.org/book-stew/>. Instructions are also available at that link for finding and viewing any of the prior 54 Book Stew programs.



▲ Author Dorah Blume shares her Botticelli visions with Book Stew host Eileen MacDougall.

(Courtesy photo by Don Leard)

WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

The Wilmington town election and annual Town Meeting are just a month away and WCTV is putting together informational material to help voters make their decisions.

First up is Candidate Conversations. Over the past couple of years, WCTV has been doing brief 5-10 minute interviews with the candidates. This is to introduce them to voters and let people know a little about their qualifications and why they want the position. You can watch these on television and online.

Candidates Night will be on Tuesday, April 10. This is your best chance to hear where the candidates stand on major issues facing the town and where they might differ.

These debates air LIVE on WCTV Government (Comcast 22/Verizon 38). See the Moderator Debate at 6 p.m., School Committee at 7 p.m. and Selectmen at 8 p.m.

Remember that election day is April 28. Polls close at 8 p.m. and that's when you can tune in to WCTV for LIVE coverage of the election results and interviews with the candidates.

The following week, May 5, is Town Meeting, also LIVE on WCTV. Right now, WCTV is putting together some brief "explainers" on the warrant articles to help educate everyone the issues being discussed. There are currently 53 articles to go over, and it appears at least one or two more are being added on as a Special Town Meeting.

Reminder: WCTV programming is available on televi-

sion, online and through the WCTV app, where you can stream our channels, watch videos and get push alerts when important live programming (like Candidates Night, election night and Town Meeting) are going to be on.

New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch them at WCTV.org.

• **Candidate Conversations (WCTV Government):** Hear from the candidates running for School Committee, selectmen and moderator. You can get through the whole ballot in just a half hour!

• **Book Stew (WCTV Public):** Eileen hosts her first historical fiction author, Do-

rah Blume, and introduces "Botticelli's Muse," the first in a projected trilogy about the renowned artist.

• **All About the Flavors (WCTV Public):** Chef Bob is in the kitchen making Korean Beef Stir Fry.

• **Board of Selectmen (WCTV Government):** See this past Monday's meeting, which included a couple of surprises related to Town Meeting.

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about! We're here to make the process as simple as possible.

It's Your Money by Todd Brisbois



IRS SIMPLIFIES PROCESS FOR AVOIDING ROLLOVER PENALTIES

Many plan sponsors encourage 401(k) plan participants to request a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer or direct rollover. However, participants sometimes do not adhere to this advice and ask to have their account balances distributed directly to them, subject to a 20% mandatory tax withholding. If a participant receives an IRA or retirement plan distribution, they have 60 days from that date to roll it over to another plan or IRA. If the participant fails to do this within 60 days, they may be subject to a 10% tax penalty on top of being taxed on the distribution's full amount.

Previously, participants faced a difficult process to convince the IRS that they had made an honest mistake. The new procedures allow participants to self-certify valid reasons to the receiving financial institution, including the following:

- The financial institution receiving the contribution or making the distribution to which the contribution relates committed an error;
- The distribution was made in the form of a check, which the taxpayer misplaced and never cashed;
- The taxpayer deposited the distribution into an account that he or she mistakenly thought was an eligible retirement plan;
- The taxpayer's principal residence was severely damaged;
- A member of the taxpayer's family died or the taxpayer or a member of the taxpayer's family was seriously ill; and
- The post office committed an error.

This new IRS Revenue Procedure is another example of recent changes to retirement plans that the IRS has produced in order to assist participants with retirement balances.

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History:
Wilmington yarns - 'Rough on Rats'

By PAUL EMMONS

How did I happen to settle in this town in the first place?

Rough on Rats in the tea! A black girl in the kitchen wanted to get rid of the summer boarders. Consequently, the Emmons family has been coming here ever since.

That was in 1886, in the original horse and buggy days, when even a yoke of oxen was no uncommon sight on the streets of Wilmington. Only they were not called streets but roads. Hardly any of them had names. What is now Chestnut Street was called the back road to Woburn. Federal Street was known as Neck Woods road, while Rattlesnake road led from Andover Street down

past the end of Foster's Pond, and High Street was called Hardscrabble.

The incident which nailed us to Wilmington occurred in the old Blanchard farm house, now owned by Caleb S. Harriman. Built about 1720, it had all the old colonial features, including a big chimney whose bricks were laid in clay and a brick interlining to the walls to keep the Indian arrows and bullets.

In 1886 it was owned by the last of the Blanchards a maiden lady and her brother, known to everybody as Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Sam. They took in boarders in the summer. My father was judge of the East Boston District Court and his probation officer, Calvin Little-

field, had been a boarder at the Blanchards for many summers, and finally persuaded my father to try it.

So in September, my parents and I blew into town to enjoy the beauties of the country. I was two years old, and the beauties doubtless appealed to me very much, especially a swing and some hammocks dangling in the pine grove in front of the house, and the smooth, green turf of a carefully tended croquet ground on the opposite side of the street.

That croquet ground was the scene of many a battle royal, scientifically played to a fighting finish. It was really an advance for its time, for it had stakes 80 feet apart, narrow wickets just

wide enough to permit the passage of the ball, a two wicket cage in the middle which had to be negotiated at one stroke, and the game was always played with four balls, two paired against two.

From the Blanchard farm to the North Wilmington depot, the only houses were the Gallagher's, then standing on Gene Coombs' land, (464 Middlesex Ave.) the old Ford house in which Asa G. Sheldon had once lived for a brief period, standing about where Madam Eames' (434 Middlesex Ave.), the Lou Carter house, which burned down a few years ago when Father Boland owned it, and the house of Warren Carter, the station agent, next to what is now Elia's. In those days the post office was in the old railroad station, and



▲ The Cadwallader Ford house, also known as the Ford - Blanchard house in North Wilmington was the setting for a nice country vacation — and a deliberate poisoning in 1886. (file photo)

Warren Carter was the postmaster as well as the station agent.

It was truly a beautiful setting for a summer vacation but tragedy broke loose with the first meal my parents ate in that peaceful old colo-

nial mansion of the Blanchard family, which had only one discordant element in it a dark-skinned, sullen and resentful kitchen helper. Real tragedy! And how!

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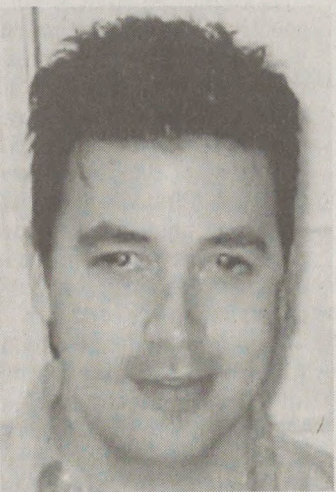
Joseph A. Perez
Services will be held privately

Joseph A. Perez, age 40, of Wilmington, passed away on March 31, 2018. Joe was the beloved son of the late John and Anne (Drugan) Perez.

He was the dear brother of Melissa Scolastico & her

husband David and Tara Cavanaugh & her husband Paul, all of Wilmington. Joe was the loving and caring uncle of Angela & Andrew Scolastico and Anna & Jonathan Cavanaugh.

Joe is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Services will be held privately. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc.



Rose S. (Castellano) Scifo
Excellent cook who made homemade ravioli

Rose S. Scifo (Castellano), age 88, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on April 2, 2018.

Rose was born in Somerville, MA on March 11, 1930; she was the dear daughter of the late Vincent "James" and Serafina Castellano.

Rose was raised in a large and loving Italian family; as a young girl, Rose, grew up and was educated in Somerville, MA and in her teenage years she moved with her family to the "country," namely Wilmington, MA. Rose quickly made friends and continued her high school years at Wilmington High School where she graduated in 1947.

Rose married the "love of her life" Costanzio "Joe" Scifo at St. Thomas of Villanova Church in Wilmington on June 24, 1951. The couple moved to East Boston where they started a family of their own; Rose and Joe were wonderful parents and they were living their dream until tragedy struck and Joe was diagnosed with cancer.

Joe passed in August of 1965 and Rose became a single mother of six young children; not an easy feat but she took on her role like a trooper, put her own grief aside, and went on to work hard and raise wonderful children.

Soon after Joe's death, Rose moved her family back to Wilmington to be closer to their grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family; they were always surrounded by love.

Family was everything to Rose; she loved her family unconditionally and there

wasn't anything she wouldn't do to make their lives easier. Rose was an excellent cook; her sauce and homemade ravioli's were outstanding. Rose looked forward to making Sunday dinners and holiday meals; she just loved having the family around her table. Rose would also cook up a storm for neighbors and friends; there was always room at her table for one more.

Rose "lived" for her grandchildren; they really made her world a brighter place. She was always at countless basketball, soccer, school and sporting events, dance recitals, graduations, or any other special occasion or accomplishment that her grandchildren were involved in. Rose beamed with pride as she spoke of her grandchildren and family; she just cherished the time they spent together.

Rose worked hard to provide for her family financially as an customer service administrator for the Addison Wesley Company for many years. Rose also worked for her family most notably at her brother's store — "Mike's Korner Variety" in Wilmington. Rose had an incredible personality when it came to dealing with her customers; she was helpful, friendly, and greeted everyone with a smile.

Rose looked forward to the vacations that she took with family and friends such as their many trips to York Beach in Maine, Florida, and the annual trip to Niagara Falls; everyone always had a great time and came back with countless funny stories and lots of memories.

Rose was a woman of

strong faith; she loved God and prayed the Rosary often. Rose was an active communicant at St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Dorothy's Church for many years. It was her faith that helped sustain her through many hard times and gave her the strength she needed to raise such a wonderful family.

Rose also went out of her way to help others in need; she never put herself first and no matter the situation at hand she could always find a way to help and never ever expected anything in return.

Rose will be fondly remembered for her kindness towards others and for her unending love and devotion towards her family and friends. Rose was truly "one of a kind," gentle, loving, patient, an extraordinary lady who will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Rose was the beloved wife of the late Costanzio "Joe" Scifo, devoted mother of Kathleen Solas & husband James, Patricia Biasella & husband Armando, Joseph Scifo & wife Linda and Vincent Scifo & wife Linda all of Wilmington, Karen Rondeau & husband Paul of Salem, NH and Jennifer Roscigno & husband Vince of Derry, NH.

Loving "Nana" of Erica, Lisa, John, Joseph, Kerri, Allea, Vincent Jr. and Sophie; "Great-Nana" of Holden, Devin, Grace, Rebecca, Victoria, Cynthia, Isabella, Dominic and Benjamin; and "Great-Great-Nana" of Adreena and Grayson.

Cherished daughter of the late Vincent "James" and Serafina Castellano, dear sis-



ter of Vivian "Anna" Lupoli of Groton, Lillian Johnson of St. Petersburg, FL, the late Michael Castellano Sr. & his wife Lucy Castellano of Marco Island, FL, and the late James Castellano.

Rose is also survived by her sister-in-law and best friend Rosalie Castellano, special aunt of James and Theresa Castellano and their children all of Wilmington and is further survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, April 7 at 9 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 10 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, April 6 from 4 - 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in Rose's memory may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101A 1st Ave., Waltham, MA 02451 or to a Charity of your choice.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

House passes Airbnb regs

BOSTON - With the market for peer-to-peer services, such as Uber, exploding in greater Boston and across the country, Representative James Miceli and the House of Representatives debated and passed legislation bringing protection to Airbnb users, as well as giving control to municipalities on how to address such properties.

"I am not against letting folks use their cars, homes, or other resources to make themselves money," said Rep. Miceli upon passing of the bill. "I am, however, hesitant to allow anyone to pursue such things with little or no oversight. We don't allow ride-sharing programs to drive cars which are dangerous, why would we allow people to stay in a private residence that's no better than a slum? In addition, the numbers of complaints neighbors have towards these properties in the greater Boston area have soared. Can you imagine coming home to short-term neighbors who change on a daily or weekly basis? Who may be loud, noisy, or damaging to your property, and whose landlord just doesn't care? This market may be new, but the problems are already apparent and the bill helps put forward solutions that actually work."

The legislation hands control of many safety aspects to the local communities, where towns and cities could adopt bylaws to require safety inspections of units, including fire inspections to ensure working detectors, second routes of emergency egress, and other issues. Cities heavily impacted by the purchase of houses by investors to convert to short term rentals could also choose to tax investors or professionally managed properties, in order to dissuade the purchase of properties in a

market where housing stock is already tight without contribution.

In addition to expanding municipal oversight, the bill directs the Department of Revenue to create a registry of short-term rentals and offers a taxation schedule based on the number of units a short-term rental owner has in a portfolio. The registry would allow the state to identify "hot-markets" in certain towns and neighborhoods, and ensure that local housing would not become so restricting that the markets would become a bubble as investors competed to buy up property to convert to short term rentals.

In addition, it requires that landlords of such units record information on renters, in case of accidents, criminal activity, or other issues as an established hotel or motel would. Lastly, the bill outlined a tax schedule depending on the number of holdings a landlord has, with large-scale rental companies facing a 10-percent tax on such units. Small companies or single-property owners would be subject to much lower rates, with revenue earmarked for local elderly and disabled housing development and maintenance.

The bill will likely be next subject to a joint committee, to rectify differences with a similar proposal from the Senate.

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Letters to the editor

Fasulo has the right qualities to be a selectman

To the editor,
When voting for Wilmington Selectman I look at a person who will assess the issues and make tough choices and tough decisions for the people they represent. I don't want a person who waffles and tells people what they want to hear and then will do nothing.

I look at a person who has a commitment to community. I don't want a person who is for special and outside interest. I want a person who means what they say and who will keep promises to those they represent.

I don't want a person who spews out sound bites and slogans and will do nothing. I want a leader. I don't want a person without ideals. I want a person who will keep Wilmington a town.

I don't want a person who is willing to give into big condo complexes and rezoning mak-

ing Wilmington a city. I want a person who doesn't take campaign donations. I don't want a person who takes campaign donations and then owes favors.

I want a person who is transparent. I don't want a person who will make back door deals. I want a person who has the interest of our schools, fire and police. I don't want a person who will put stress on these departments because of ramped expansion.

Rob Fasulo has the qualities I'm looking for so I'm supporting him for Selectmen of Wilmington. Fasulo will be an effective leader when making tough decisions and choices that are best for Wilmington. Rob is committed to working hard to get things done for the voters of Wilmington.

Steven Contrada

McCoy thanks selectmen for supporting Special Town Meeting on Sciarappa Farm

Dear editor,
I want to publicly thank Selectman Ed Loud and Selectman Kevin Cairra for having the wisdom and foresight in supporting the article I presented in supporting the Town of Wilmington to support the purchase of Sciarappa Farm.

This article will be presented as a Special Town Meeting article prior to the annual Town Meeting of May 5, 2017 at the Wilmington High School Auditorium. It should take place around 9:30 a.m. as the Board of Selectmen voted to schedule this Special Town Meeting prior to the beginning of the regular scheduled annual Town Meeting.

For years, the Town of Wilmington government leaders and its citizens talked about some day purchasing Sciarappa Farm. For many years, the town has given the Sciarappa Farm agricultural tax discounts because the property was used for farming. It would have been nice if we could have sat down and worked out a deal between the town and the Sciarappa family but a deal was never reached.

Relative to the size of the farm being 76 acres in which 62.5 acres are in Wilmington, this is one of the last big open

space parcels left in Wilmington. There are so many things we could do with the property. Most importantly, we could use it for any municipal use; a public garden, open space, recreation, public picnic areas, educational programs for adults and kids, garden club, arts club, and Farmers Market.

We could literally put up a freestanding building for an area to sell fresh grown produce grown from the property itself. The list is endless for what we could do.

In closing, no one wants their property taken by eminent domain. By taking this property, we are doing it for the public good as I demonstrated by mentioning all the reasons above. Throughout the years, the Sciarappa family has shown interest in selling this property to the Town of Wilmington and as a town we've always showed interest in buying it, but it's never happened.

Most recently the Sciarappa family has begun discussion with a developer. We're not looking to buy the property because of a rezoning; we're doing it for the public good.

Selectman
Michael V. McCoy

Byrnes dedicated and caring School Committee member

To the editor,
I am writing in support of MJ Byrnes for reelection to school committee. I have known MJ for many years, first as a parent and now as a School Committee member, and have seen her excel in both roles.

MJ is dedicated, caring, involved, and present in her role as School Committee

member. She has a focused interest in our special needs population and is well versed in the details of what goes into an IEP, something extremely important to many parents.

She has represented us well and will continue to do so. For this reason, she has my vote.

Barbara Pappas

A junior's perspective on TMHS' junior prom

By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

With all of the hype and excitement surrounding TMHS's Junior Prom, there were certainly lofty expectations regarding last Thursday's event, and to many, they were entirely fulfilled.

From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., junior students were given the unique opportunity to forget about their school-related stresses and enjoy the company of their friends and companions. The night was filled to the brim with students relaxing and enjoying themselves on the dance floor, as for nearly four hours the electric joy and excitement in the air seemed almost tangible.

As far as the student perspective goes, the reception was generally quite positive, the highlights of which, many would say, included the delicious food (courtesy of the Tewksbury Country Club itself), the futuristic photo booth, and perhaps foremost, the freedom that the TMHS chapones allowed the students.

Countless students issued statements of praise for the adults who accompanied the students to the Country Club, as while they were strict enough to prevent the emergence of any foul conduct, they allowed the attendees a great deal of freedom, which can prove to be all-important to several high schoolers, myself included.

The gripes of students regarding Junior Prom were sparse, but one particular complaint that managed to repeat itself quite often came in relation to the DJ, whom one particular student described as "old, but not old enough to be retro."

Sentiments such as this were quite popular amongst students, as the music seemed to miss its intended demographic by quite a large margin. These songs came primarily from the late 2000s and early 2010s, and although this music may not have been the top choice for many attendees, it still served its purpose as a

tracklist that allowed for several kids to truly express themselves on the dance floor.

Though the prom's theme of "A Night In Paris" was hardly reflected in the atmosphere or decorations — bar perhaps the Eiffel Tower centerpieces — the main focus of the event never really was the theme, but instead allowing juniors to take a break from this wildly stressful school year and appreciate all the positives of their high schools careers, including the friends with which they had the privilege of spending the night with.

In summation, the Class of 2019 — led by advisor Mrs. Fabiano — managed to properly execute an event that is often seen and portrayed in pop culture as painfully awkward and uncomfortable. The most significant downside to the success of 2018's Junior Prom, however, is that the Class Council now may feel pressured to live up to the massive success of last Thursday with next year's Senior Prom. And while several people have their hopes set high for 2019's Senior Prom, the Class Council's track record leaves us to expect nothing but success next year.



(Photo by Matt Fronduto)

Eaton, a Wilmington guy, right for selectman

Dear editor,

I write in support of Jonathan Eaton for selectman. I have known Jonathan through his commitment to community service through the Rotary Club. He's been very involved in our activities, including our Ice Bucket Challenge, our

Polar Plunge, and Hope Lodge.

He is also very involved in our annual auction, serving as one of our auctioneers, and our trivia night, writing our trivia questions last year. Both of these events raise money that we give to gradu-

ating Wilmington seniors through our scholarships.

Jonathan is a smart guy, he's young, he's aggressive, he's a straight shooter, he stands up for what he believes in, and he's shown his dedication to the town and people of Wilmington.

He's a Wilmington guy, he's been here his whole life, and he's raising his family here. I hope that you join me in electing him to the board of selectmen on Saturday, April 28.

Sincerely,
Jack Cushing

Officials should listen to their community

Dear editor,

I am compelled to write this letter in response to an individual named George Ferdinand who is an elected official in Tewksbury. What Ferdinand is doing — he's following me politically on the Wilmington Apple and joining arms with my handful of online foes and having a grand old time doing so.

The Wilmington Apple is similar to your Tewksbury Patch. The Wilmington Apple brainchild is Robert Hayes and because of him, it's got 4,823 online followers alone.

Our local news outlets do a good and fair job. What's interesting are the comments Ferdinand is making appear only in the Wilmington news. In the month of March 2018 alone, there were eight comments from him directed at me. After the fifth time, I responded.

He made one comment back in December 2017 when I submitted a warrant article along with the Concerned Citizens of Wilmington — a citizen driven article — for a special town meeting to relocate drug detox centers from all residential districts and to relocate them in commercial districts. It passed overwhelmingly one week before Christmas, 368-62.

Now, where Ferdinand should be more focused on the issues in Tewksbury rather than in Wilmington, he claims that I like patting myself on the back because I want my uncle's seat so bad in the future. He's mentioned on two different occasions how I am lining myself up for his seat some day. I am not interested in my uncle's — State Rep. Jim Miceli — seat. Ferdinand is the one who keeps bringing it up — perhaps he is the one looking to run for Rep. Miceli's seat.

Ferdinand and I have never even met. It's pretty easy to sit behind a computer and

say whatever you want.

Ferdinand, you have introduced yourself to the people of Wilmington as an elected member of the board of health. Now let me introduce myself to Tewksbury: my name is Michael V. McCoy. I am a current member of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

After this term, I will have served on this board 30 years. I am the original owner of Michael's Place Restaurant from 1984 until I sold it in 2015. I have lived in Wilmington for 59 years. I married a girl from Tewksbury 27 years ago and we raised our family here.

Ferdinand, you attempt to make my victories of getting reelected to the Board of Selectmen look like I am patting myself on the back. In what way, exactly? I do not vote for myself and POOF! I get reelected! There are lots of voters whose confidence and trust I have earned over the years who put me there.

You obviously love talking about me to the Wilmington people, so fair's fair. Let's talk about you to the Tewksbury people. For starters, you moved into Tewksbury in 2014, you ran for selectman in 2015 and lost, and in 2016, you ran for Board of Health and won. On March 22, 2018, you did an interview with Lowell Sun reporter Kori Tuitt and said, "I don't support condos. I think people have gotten tired."

George, YA THINK?

You also go on to say that you are "opposed to the 55 unit condos now that's proposed on Main Street." Oh my head — NOW you're opposed? As a sitting member on the board of health and elected official, you should have been opposed 1,555 condos ago!

You're a little too late. Did you even ask anyone in Tewksbury what they wanted? I'm guessing not.

On my own, I submitted a citizen driven petition article to call for a special town meeting in May of 2018 that says (in a nutshell) NO MORE CONDOS because that's what the people in Wilmington asked me to do. The residents of the town meeting will have final say whether they want to continue to build condos in Wilmington or not.

It didn't take long to draw up an article. I went out to the residents on my own and collected nearly double the required amount of signatures of voters to call for a special town meeting because there were that many looking to sign the petition. It's not rocket science.

Folks of Tewksbury, it's just that easy. Our bylaws aren't much different than your bylaws. The detox center and special town meeting are just

a couple of things I've done since December 2017, and there is a pretty long list of other accomplishments I've achieved over the past 30 years. I am very proud of my accomplishments and by saying what they are, I'm not patting myself on my back.

My reward is getting re-elected every three years by people who think I'm doing a good job and who know I hear what they're saying. I don't run the town the way I want to, I listen to the residents and do what THEY want. Ferdinand; you talk the talk, I walk the walk.

I just gave you a free lesson in Politics 101. So Ferdinand: I hope one day you'll learn to listen more than you speak.

Wilmington Selectman,
Michael V. McCoy

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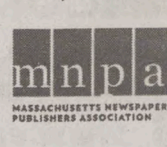
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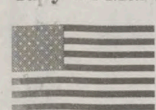
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OBITUARIES

Duncan H. MacLeod

Served active duty with U.S. Navy

Duncan H. MacLeod, age 84, of Wilmington, formerly of Reading, passed away peacefully on March 29, 2018, at the Winchester Hospital.



Duncan was born in Winchester, MA, on Sept. 19, 1933. He was the dear son of the late August and Gladys MacLeod of Wilmington. Duncan was raised and educated in Wilmington, graduated from Kimball Union Academy in 1951, and went on to further his education at the University of Maine where he earned a bachelor's Degree in business and Economics in 1955.

In April of 1956, Duncan, was recalled to active duty with the United States Navy and served overseas aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid air craft carrier. Duncan was honorably discharged on Jan. 24, 1958 and returned home to his family.

Following his return from active duty, Duncan, went to work as a sub-contractor for the Boeing-Vertol Company where he serviced the west coast region.

On Oct. 29, 1962, Duncan married the "love of his life" Judith McLaughlin, formerly of Melrose. The couple settled in Reading, MA and became parents to two wonderful children, David and Carol. After his beloved wife, Judith's, untimely passing in 1973, the family continued to reside in Reading where Duncan unselfishly raised both children.

A strong believer in family, Duncan was the beloved husband of the late Judith (McLaughlin) MacLeod, devoted father of Carol MacLeod of Andover, MA and David MacLeod & wife Carrie of Windham, NH. Loving "Papa" of Anne H. and Katherine E. MacLeod. Dear brother of Isabel Walker of Palo Alto, CA and the late Jean Davis of

Whidbey Island, WA. Brother in law of Jill Hennigar and her late husband Dana of Reading.

Duncan was fondly known as "Uncle Mac" to many cousins, nieces and nephews who survive him.

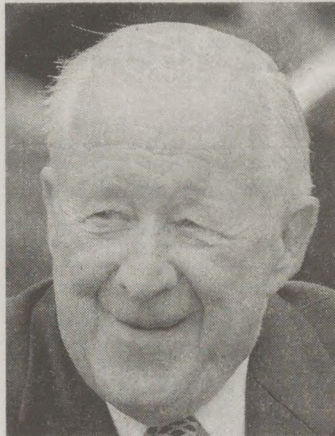
Duncan took a position in the insurance industry working for Bedell Brothers Insurance Company in Wilmington in 1964. Duncan's vast knowledge of the industry, endearing personality, and great work ethic allowed him to form many friendships with his clients that have endured throughout the years; Duncan retired following more than 30 plus years of dedicated service to his profession.

Duncan was a "giver" of his time and talents to help others and his community. He was a charter member of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club where he volunteered countless hours at their many fundraisers and charitable events. Post retirement, Duncan volunteered as an "earth angel" for Angel Flight, an organization that safely transports critically ill or injured patients from around the world offering them specialized care and compassion.

Duncan served proudly on the Board of Directors at the Reading Cooperative Bank where he made many memories and formed lifelong friendships. We are certain he will miss his many friends at the bank.

Duncan loved spending time with his family and most importantly his granddaughters, Annie and Kate MacLeod, and their family dog, Jim.

Duncan's love of the water originated from his time spent at the family home in Provincetown enjoying time at the beach with his wife and children, cooking dinner on the beach on the hibachi grill, or making clam chowder and



enjoying freshly caught shellfish and playing croquet in the side yard. As many in Wilmington will recall in later years, Duncan greatly enjoyed working in his yard.

Duncan made friends easily and was loved by all who met him. Duncan was a very capable man who derived great satisfaction in helping others; whether that meant helping a neighbor, friend or family member fix a lawn tractor, provide a ride to the airport, or assist with insurance matters, Duncan was always there for his many friends and family.

The family is extremely grateful to the many nurses, clinicians and doctors who became so dear to him in his later years.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Wednesday, April 4 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Graveside Services with Military Honors will take place on Thursday, April 5 at noon in the Forest Glen Cemetery, located at the Corner of Forest Glen Road and Pearl Street in Reading, MA.

In lieu of flowers donations in Duncan's memory may be made to the Winchester Hospital Foundation, 611 Main St., Winchester, MA 01890.

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Margaret R. (Calnan) O'Connell

Devoted to her children and grandchildren

Margaret R. (Calnan) O'Connell, fondly known as "Margie" to her family and friends, passed away peacefully on Dec. 15, 2017 in California.

Margie was born on Sept. 14, 1935, in Boston, MA; she was the dear daughter of the late George and Margaret (Bellen) Calnan.

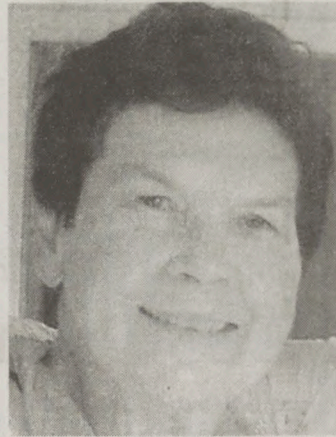
Margie was raised and educated in Wilmington and was a graduate of Wilmington High School. Margie married and raised her family in Wilmington for many years until she moved to Upland, CA in 1985 to be closer to her children and their families.

Margie was happy to be a wife, mom and grandma to all her family; she enjoyed family "get togethers," dinners and backyard BBQ's. Margie also looked forward to attending whatever sport or event her grandchildren participated in; she was always their biggest fan.

Margie was the wife of Don O'Connell, devoted mother of Don O'Connell Jr. & wife Debbie, Scott O'Connell & wife Laura and Rob O'Connell & wife Stacey, loving grandmother of Shayne, Cade, Britany, Chelsea, Sarah and the late Donny O'Connell III.

Dear sister of Helen Carta & husband Frank of Wilmington, MA, Bill Calnan of Churchill, Canada and the late Ken Duley. Margie is survived by nieces, nephews, and many dear friends on the east & west coasts; she was also aunt of the late Ken Duley.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 11 a.m. in the Wilmington Congregational Church, 220 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, MA. Interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA and will be followed by luncheon to share stories in the Fellowship Hall at the Wilmington Congregational Church.



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In lieu of flowers donation in Margie's memory may be made to foundation@rheumatology.org, Rheumatology Research Foundation, 2200 Lake Blvd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, Wilmington, MA. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Donald L. 'Sully' Sullivan

Started A & S Towing Company

Donald L. "Sully" Sullivan age 87, a resident of Wilmington, MA for over 67 years passed away peacefully on Feb. 21, 2018 in Boca Raton, FL, with his wife Patricia by his side.

Donald was born in Medford, MA on April 15, 1930; he was the son of the late Walter and Grace (Hazelton) Sullivan. Donald was raised in Medford, MA, attended Medford Schools, and was a graduate of Medford High School with the Class of 1949.

Donald was a hardworking family man who started the A & S Towing Company in 1975. In his spare time he looked forward to spending time with his family and sitting out on the lake in Maine.

Donald was the beloved husband of Patricia (Trout) Sullivan with whom he just celebrated their 66 wedding anniversary on Oct. 13, 2017. He was the father of Patricia Nangle and husband George and their children Shawn, Kerry, and Ashley of Dracut, MA, Kenneth Sullivan and wife Sharon and their children Shelley, Daniel, Stephanie and Shannon of Wilmington, MA, Stacey Wonson and husband Glenn and their children Samantha, Jessica, and Megan of Lowell, MA, Paula Malfa and husband Steve and their children Nicole and Brittany of Tewksbury, MA, Kellie Naimo and husband Ronald and their children Nicholas and Benjamin of Pepperell, MA, Sandra MacDonald and husband Ernie and their children Adam, Christopher, and Pat-

rick of Groveland, MA, Gary Sullivan of Wilmington, MA, Pamela Sullivan of Chelmsford, MA, Kevin Sullivan and wife Wendy and their children Kevin Jr., Craig, Karissa, Cassandra and Shane of Methuen, MA and Glenn Sullivan and wife Terri and their children Mary and Brian of Wilmington, MA.

Donald was the oldest of seven siblings and is survived by Larry, Beverly, Patti, and Gordon and was predeceased by Lenore and Gene. He was the great grandfather to five great grandchildren and the uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, MA on Friday April 13 from 5 - 8 p.m.

A Funeral Mass for Donald will be held on Saturday April 14th in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA.

In Lieu of flower donations in Donald's memory may be



made to the Wilmington Senior Center, 15 School St., Wilmington, MA 01887. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Donate bicycle for Bikes Not Bombs in Reading

READING — A bicycle collection drive for charity will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Agnes Church parking lot at 186 Woburn St. in Reading.

Tax receipts are available and bicycles for all ages whether working or not are accepted for humanitarian reuse. All bikes will be re-

habbed as needed before humanitarian distribution both internationally and locally.

The collecting charity Bikes Not Bombs (<https://bikesnotbombs.org>) reclaims thousands of bicycles each year as a vehicle for social change to provide environmentally friendly and sustainable transportation to

school and work for people across the globe. A monetary donation in any amount would be appreciated with the bicycle drop off to help defray the charity's expenses.

For more information contact local volunteer Jane Webber at literacyforall@yahoo.com.

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You are hereby notified that on Wednesday, April 18th 2018 pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53 as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes -

It is my intention to take for TEWKSBURY the following parcels of land for non-payment after demand, of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

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Subsequent Owner: ANDERSON, EILEEN V LAND & BUILDING located at 2 KNEELAND RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 12,232. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009500470000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 31562/232. Tax for FY-2017 \$2,310.99.

BROWN, E MILES

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CARROLL, ALISA A

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LAND located at CAROLINA RDR in TEWKSBURY, containing 4,356. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009400140000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 2061/293. Tax for FY-2017 \$71.76.

DELANEY, JEREMAH J MARY F DELANEY, WILLIAM F SULLIVAN, DENISE M SULLIVAN, TARA J SULLIVAN-BELLEMARE, DELANEY FAMILY TRUST

LAND & BUILDING

located at 7 BENSON RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 11,000. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009300020000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 04931/0047. Tax for FY-2017 \$4,491.27.

DRAPER, EILEEN

LAND & BUILDING located at 27 SHANDEL DR in TEWKSBURY, containing 43,560. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 002000530000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 20392/143. Tax for FY-2017 \$4,935.48.

GARVEY, SUSAN M

BUILDING located at 17 QUAIL RUN in TEWKSBURY, shown on Assessor's Map 00620015U017, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 25161/214. Tax for FY-2017 \$3,196.42.

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LAND & BUILDING located at 317 MARSTON ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 1.080 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 002000280000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 25841/24. Tax for FY-2017 \$1,622.09.

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KHUSRO, IMRAN A

BUILDING located at 2500 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY, shown on Assessor's Map 00950108U110, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 24472/25. Tax for FY-2017 \$1,245.64.

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LAND & BUILDING located at 30 CARTER ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 29,000. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 010300040000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 23676/281. Tax for FY-2017 \$6,474.41.

MCCARTHY, MAURICE J

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MURRAY, DENISE

LAND & BUILDING located at 31 TENTH ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 19,200. SQ FT shown on Assessor's

Map 008301060000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 26366/57. Tax for FY-2017 \$4,736.93.

NOFTLE, SCOTT

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OLOUGHLIN, MARY E OLOUGHLIN, DESMOND

LAND & BUILDING located at 721 SHAW-SHEEN ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 10,520. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 009800890000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 26438/152. Tax for FY-2017 \$2,794.70.

PAPAGEORGIOU, CONSTANTINE

CAPARELLA, JEANNE M LAND & BUILDING located at 755 EAST ST in TEWKSBURY, containing 1.660 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 008900400000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 04491/0298. Tax for FY-2017 \$5,096.58.

PROCTOR, RICHARD C

LAND & BUILDING located at 109 FOSTER RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 1.310 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 005900690000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 21559/265. Tax for

FY-2017 \$1,425.72.

ROSS, DONALD C

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SENTRY PAINTING, INC

BUILDING located at 1501 MAIN ST in TEWKSBURY, shown on Assessor's Map 00730009U034, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 10686/49. Tax for FY-2017 \$350.49.

STANICHUK, RICKI C TR OST-POL

NOMINEE TRUST LAND located at GEORGIA RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 22,500. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 008100570000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Book/Page 06362/0131. Tax for FY-2017 \$222.85.

SULLIVAN, KEVIN C SULLIVAN, MARGARET A

LAND located at 15 MICHAEL RD in TEWKSBURY, containing 20,816. SQ FT shown on Assessor's Map 006001250000, recorded at MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT DEEDS - Document # 140414, Certificate # 30190 - Book/Page 153/379. Tax for FY-2017 \$2,127.30.

TIERNEY, ELEANOR T & SEAN L

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WHEELER, WILLIAM M & MARY ANN

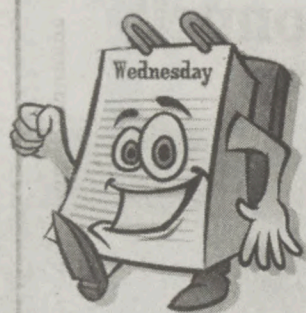
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Community Calendar

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Wilmington Calendar:

ALCS Drama Club presents 'Treasure Island'

Eagle Scout Game Night Fundraiser

Friday, April 13 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Villanova Hall Youth Center

Zach Dancewicz of Wilmington's own Troop 126 will be holding a game night at the Youth Center to raise funds for his Eagle Project. Come and support local scouts and this community service project and enjoy a night of fun and games at the Youth Center.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Motown Dance Party

Saturday, April 28 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Elks Lodge, 777 South Street in Tewksbury

The Wilmington Sons of Italy is presenting a Motown Dance Party. The ticket donation is \$15. All proceeds to benefit Gifts of Love. Bring in a package of diapers and you will be entered into a door prize raffle. Munchies will be provided, but feel free to bring in more for your table. Contact Alicia at 978-758-0876 for tickets or

more info.

ALCS Drama Club presents 'Treasure Island'

Two performances: Thursday, May 17 and Friday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center, 173 Church Street

Tickets cost \$6. For tickets, please email cdigiovanni@alcsnet.org or call 978-657-8710. Tickets are also available at the door prior to each performance. The Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. For more information, visit ablifeschool.com.

Alateen

The first and third Thursday of each month

St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury

When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alateen/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or

visit al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Safety seat installation

Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge

Fourth of July Building

Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

Puzzle Corner

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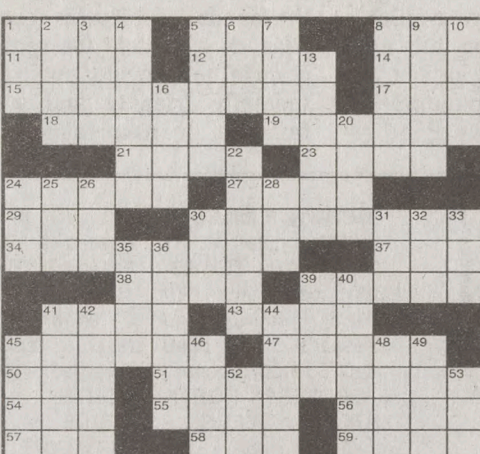
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 - Hack
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 - Aunt, in Madrid
 - Marsh birds
 - Type of cracker
 - Prompted
 - Hula-dance fete
 - Get the lead out?
 - Fully qualified
 - Auction
 - Prepares to nap (2 wds.)
 - Tornado refuge, maybe
 - Dinner dessert
 - Gallop or trot
 - Dull finish
 - Aim
 - Part of BYOB
 - Concert worker
 - Prime invitees (hyph.)
 - Near the stern
 - Car's footwear? (2 wds.)
 - Dundee refusal
 - Egg on
 - Rank below marquis
 - Watchdog's warning
 - Honshu honorific
 - "— a Bad Mama Jama"
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- Oath
 - General — Bradley
 - Sax-playing Simpson
 - Moral principles
 - This and that
 - Through
 - Big hairdo
 - Terra —
 - Leave-taking
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 - Pastoral
 - poems
 - in the doldrums
 - Took to court
 - Small and delicate
 - Wane
 - Estuary
 - Blurbs
 - Call the bookie
 - Aloha token
 - out (withdraw)
 - Repurpose pro
 - Born as
 - Archaic oath
 - Surfing center
 - Pack animal
 - Stans from
 - Do well (2 wds.)
 - Western
 - Of durable wood
 - Phoned
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 - Persian ruler
 - Split
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 - Subway opposites



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Tewksbury Calendar:

Tewksbury Knights of Columbus Food Drive on April 14

Trivia Night to Benefit Wilmington Band

Friday, April 6

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Trivia starts at 7:30 p.m.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus Main Banquet Hall, 112 Middlesex Avenue

Bring your own food to share with your teammates. A cash bar will be available and there will be raffle baskets. The event is \$20 per person, with tables of 10. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please make checks payable to: The Wilmington Band Parents Association. For more information, please contact Steve Sica at 978-771-0810 or Jeff Bradford at 978-658-1723.

Tewksbury Line of March

Sunday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m.

On April 19, 1775, 100 minutemen from Tewksbury marched to Concord to intercept the British Regulars who were trying to seize colonial arms. This reenactment commemorates the events of that day.

Free Narcan Training

Monday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m.

Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street

District Attorney Marian T. Ryan and the Tewksbury Police Department invite you to free Narcan training. Narcan will be provided. For more information, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-382-4989.

Food Drive

April 14 from 09:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main Street

Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, Council 4336 is sponsoring a food drive for the Tewksbury Food Pantry on April 14 from 09:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury KofC, 2068 Main Street. All perishable donations should be brought to the Tewksbury KofC, see address and time above. Remember, it doesn't matter how small or large you donation is, every little bit helps. Together, we can all make a difference.

Earth Day Clean Up Event Tewksbury

April 21

Email clean.up.tewksbury@

gmail.com for more information.

Earth Day Cleanup

April 21 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Help improve Tewksbury's open spaces, parks and trails. Sign up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/ydgy69u>

Tewksbury Senior Center Open House

Wednesday, April 25 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Tewksbury Senior Center

Live demos, music, light refreshments and more. Come see all the great things the Senior Center has to offer. Please RSVP by April 18 for this free event.

Strongwater Farm Kentucky Derby-Themed Cocktail Party Fundraiser

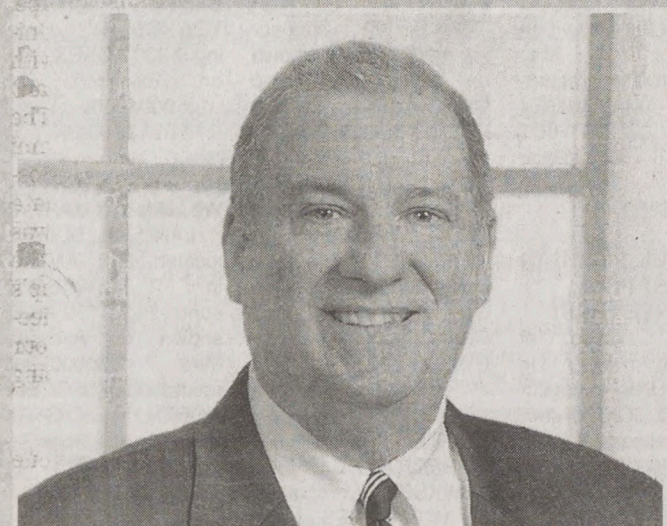
Friday, May 4 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Tewksbury Country Club

Strongwater Farm will host a Kentucky Derby-themed cocktail party fundraiser on May 4. For more information, call 978-851-5540.

Alateen

StonehamBank hires new CSO with more than 34 years in the financial field



▲ TOTINO

(Courtesy photo)

STONEHAM — StonehamBank hires Paul Totino as Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President. Totino joined the team on Jan. 3.

Totino was born, raised and still resides in Dedham. He graduated Harvard University with a BA in Economics and completed Graduate School at Northeastern University, getting his Masters in Accounting and Business Administration. His previous roles include being the CFO at Middlesex Savings Bank and President of Needham Bank.

"StonehamBank is an organization that cares about its employees, customers, and communities," Totino stated. "I love the mission and spirit of the bank and enjoy working with a dedicated and caring team that consistently makes positive contributions to its communities."

Totino served on the Charles River YMCA Advisory Board as well as an Executive Board Member of Dedham Girls Softball. He volunteered on the Finance Committee of St. Susanna's Parish as well as the

BayPath Elder Services Advisory Council for Money Management Program. He was also Treasurer of the Middlesex Savings Foundation. Outside of work, he enjoys sports, traveling, and family activities.

StonehamBank is thrilled to have Paul Totino on their team. If you are looking for employment opportunities at StonehamBank, visit stonehambank.com.

About StonehamBank

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products and services to residents and businesses throughout eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

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Letters to the editor

Moderator wants residents' participation at annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 5

Fellow residents:
On Saturday, May 5, 2018, I respectfully urge all of you to come out and participate in Wilmington's annual Town Meeting. The 2018 annual Wilmington Town Meeting will take place in the Wilmington High School Auditorium, and will commence at 10:30 a.m.
As in years past, we will be making a concerted effort to start the meeting on time, and, in accordance with the Town of Wilmington Inhabitant By-Laws, Chapter 2, Section 19, we need a quorum of 150 voters in order to start the business of Town Meeting. Thus, I ask that you please arrive at such a time, and in such a manner, so as to allow for a 10:30 a.m. start time. I thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation.
Since first being elected Town Moderator in 2015, I have had the privilege of presiding over the last three annual Town Meetings, as well as the Special Town Meeting that was held this past December. During my tenure as Town Moderator, I have aimed to foster a fair, transparent and efficient Town Meeting.
In an effort to familiarize the townspeople of Wilmington with the happenings of Town Meeting, I created a handout relative to Town Meeting information and procedures. The handout is aimed to more fully inform Town Meeting attendees as to what Town Meeting is and how it operates.
While the handout is not exhaustive by any means, I believe that the information provided therein is aimed at my overall goal of fostering fair, transparent and efficient Town Meeting assem-

bly. If attendees are more familiar with "why" and "how" things are happening, I believe they can better navigate the debate and discussion on any given issue.
As I have repeatedly stated during my term, I am steadfast in my belief that Town Meeting is the most pure, direct and inclusive form of the democratic process. Your participation in our Town Meeting shows your dedication to Wilmington, and moreover your dedication to your neighbors and friends who will join you in attendance on May 5, 2018.
In order to foster a productive environment, I ask that all those attending Town Meeting to conduct themselves with proper decorum and that you treat your fellow attendees with the utmost respect, even in cases of disagreement.
I respectfully ask that you carefully review the warrant booklet before attending Town Meeting. Taking the time to familiarize yourself with the warrant articles will allow you to better follow the meeting, and will further allow for more fluid, informed discussion. I cannot stress enough the importance of making informed votes at Town Meeting; each and every vote taken up on May 5, 2018 will have a profound effect on the direction of our town.
Your attendance at Town Meeting is crucial to ensure that all votes are a true and accurate reflection of the voice of the townspeople of Wilmington.
I look forward to seeing you on May 5, 2018.

Sincerely,
Robert G. Peterson, Jr.

Another successful Easter Egg Hunt for children

Dear editor:
On Saturday, March 31, the Wilmington Recreation Department sponsored the 47th annual Easter Egg Hunt for Wilmington children ages 6 and under. Volunteers and Recreation staff blanketed the town common with candy-filled eggs. When the signal sounded, hundreds of young children rushed to fill their baskets.
We would like to thank the dedicated volunteers that filled over 7,000 eggs with candy, and those volunteers that scattered the eggs around the common for eager young children to collect. Thank you to the Wil-

mington Police Department for providing officers to assure safe access to the event and starting the scramble for the eggs. We extend heartfelt thanks to the Easter Bunny who came all the way to Wilmington to welcome children and pose for photos.
The success of an event of this size requires the support of residents and organizations within town. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a memorable one.

Sincerely yours,
Karen Campbell
Recreation Director

Byrnes, Ragsdale right candidates for School Committee

Dear Wilmington community residents:
I have the distinct pleasure of writing my sincere recommendations that Wilmington vote to elect incumbent MJ Byrnes and newcomer candidate David Ragsdale to the Wilmington School Committee on April 28.
MJ and I worked together during my tenure on the School Committee and I couldn't have asked for a better peer. She is diligent in fulfilling the objectives of her office and insightful in her decision-making, approaching her responsibilities with vigor and going above and beyond to learn all aspects of an issue that may otherwise go unnoticed.
MJ understands the community's needs, and has been

an advocate for the groups that support our school endeavors, as I have seen firsthand as a Wilmington Educational Foundation Board member. She is an advocate for special education and an outspoken proponent for educational support funding and legislation at the state level, having served for a number of years as the Committee's Legislative Liaison.
She has worked through administrative turnover and the difficulties that have come with it, and has handled it all with professionalism, sincerity and tenacity. The board is more diverse and well-rounded with her as a member. She maintains balance within the ranks, and the committee is better as a result; her experience

speaks for itself.
Secondly, I wish to recommend David Ragsdale for the second open seat, soon to be vacated by Manny Mulas. I have come to know David in the past few years through our soccer association and I find him to always be a willing volunteer, whose thoughts align with the community mindset of the goals of our community. It is important that the School Committee maintain a fresh perspective and diversity.
The Wilmington Schools have been dealt difficult blows with the changes in administration and I feel that David's experience as an Educational Specialist for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education can provide

the School Committee with a different perspective that can help bring about balance.
Both MJ Byrnes and David Ragsdale bring unique skills to the School Committee and they add another layer of efficacy as the committee continues to work to bring proper leadership back to our schools provide a strength that is deserving of our Wilmington schools.
As a Wilmington community member and parent of school-aged children, I have no excuse not to get out and vote. On April 28 I plan to do just that, with votes for MJ Byrnes and David Ragsdale for School Committee. I sincerely hope you do as well.

Sincerely,
Leslee Quick, DC

Lifestyle

► Paul Revere's famous engraving of the Boston Massacre, part of the exhibits at the Commonwealth Museum.
▼ A document touch table lets visitors interact closely with history. (Paige Impink photos)

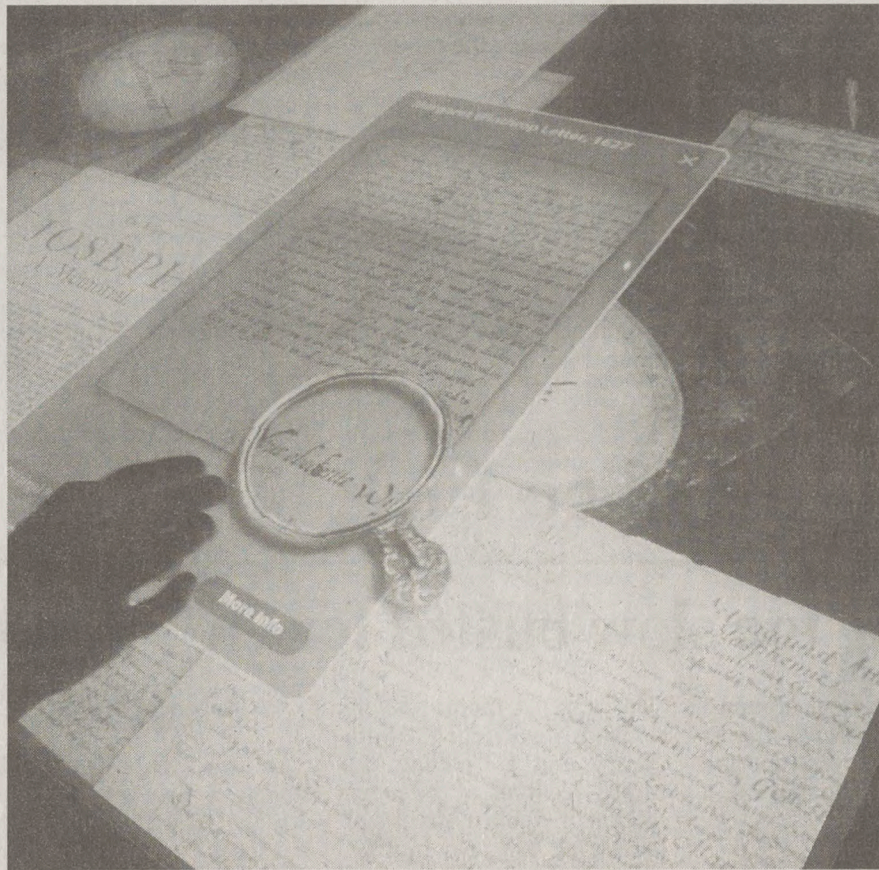
Declaration of Independence in Massachusetts

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
paige@yourtowncrier.com

I saw the Declaration of Independence today. Right here in Boston. And you can, too. Massachusetts has its own copy of the Declaration of Independence, given to the colony in 1777.
Where you ask? At The Commonwealth Museum, set within the Massachusetts Archives on the campus of UMass Boston, across from the

JFK Library. A quick turn off of Morrissey Boulevard, this museum is perfect for a half day of school activity, or a spring tour of the Columbia Point area, including the Harborwalk. School-aged children and history buffs alike will find this free museum quite impressive.
The museum is divided into a series of themed rooms which highlight the progression of the Massachusetts Bay Colony starting in 1629. A likeness of Governor John Winthrop's 1630s sailing ship Arbella dramati-

cally frames the entrance. A surround-sound theatre welcomes visitors with a 12-minute video about the struggle for rights and justice in Massachusetts.
Moving through the interactive exhibits, visitors can see Paul Revere's original copper engraving plate, which famously depicts the Boston Massacre. Try your hand at running a loom in a Lawrence mill — can you keep up with the child laborers? Or see what it was like to be on trial as a suspected witch in Salem — simple answers can be fatal.
Test your knowledge of basic civil rights, and see the actual response by Tewksbury to the Bill of Rights, submitted by Town Clerk Newman Scarlett in 1780. It is a fascinating look back into ones' own local history.
Arguably the most moving part of the museum experience is the document gallery. Dimmed lights and high security set a reverent tone. A small room with MIT-designed archival cases house Massachusetts' own copy of the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Massachusetts Constitution, and the 1691 Charter of the Province of Massachusetts Bay. These original vellum documents are the foundations of liberty set by our forefathers.
The helpful museum guides are eager to share their knowledge of these treasures and are surprisingly candid about how carelessly these jewels were actually handled up at the State House before coming to rest at the Archives, safe and preserved now for all to see and enjoy.
Check the museum website for hours and directions.
www.commonwealthmuseum.org



▲ ◀ Wilmington's own SoundScape, above, and The WilmingTones, left, performed at March-a-Pella. (Courtesy photos)

Great community support for March-a-Pella concert

To the editor,
The Wilmington High School Choral and Theatre Support (CATS) parent group wants to thank everyone who supported our recent March-a-Pella a cappella concert held at Wilmington High School on Saturday, March 24. This was the 10th anniversary of our annual fundraiser and we want to thank everyone who attended.
There were great performances from our very own Wilmington Middle School The WilmingTones, Wilming-

ton High School's SoundScape, college groups Boston University's The Bostones (with alumni Sharmetha Raminan) and Wheaton College's The Wheatones (with alumni Shannon Sullivan), and Boston-based group Fermata Town. Last, but not least was our headliner Ball in the House. All of these group's support of this event is priceless. We want to thank our community for their ongoing support — thank you!

CATS parent group

Please skip the circus

To the editor,
The Shrine Circus is coming to Wilmington. And of course we want children to have fun and organizations like the Shriners to be able to raise funds for charity.
However, none of this should come at the expense of suffering of animals in the circus. Harsh training methods such as gouging elephants with bullhooks and whipping tigers are used to instill fear in exotic animals that have no natural desire to perform for humans. It's also impossible to provide quality

of life for these animals in a traveling circus. Tigers can't be allowed to relax and roam an outdoor area on days when they aren't performing, no fence is high enough to contain them. Elephants must live in cramped conditions that are nothing like their natural habitat.
Please skip the circus this year and ask the Shriners to provide cruelty-free entertainment that we can all support in the future.

Sincerely,
Tom Lyon



Tewksbury Police Log

Man charged with injuring a firefighter, assault

Monday, March 26

8:54 a.m. - Two large pot-holes spotted at Petroil Station/Dunkin Donuts for the second time. The dispatcher contacted Mass Highway out of the Arlington yard. It would be taken care of.

11:48 a.m. - Animal Control out at Industrial Avenue assisted with a trapped raccoon. Information was given to the business owner on proper removal.

2:07 p.m. - An erratic operator drove by Salem Road. Police sent to check the area. Wilmington Police Department notified, but the vehicle could not be located.

3:04 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at East Street and Chandler Street for revoked insurance. Jorge Fernandez, 31, of 85 Richardson St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

5:26 p.m. - There was a male party in the parking lot throwing snowballs at vehicle as they drive by at Route 38 Cafe. Police sent. They spoke to the owner's son and all set. He was not throwing snowballs.

Tuesday, March 27

12:04 p.m. - Lowell Police Department reported a loose dog in Stadium Plaza. Animal Control notified, but the police were unable to locate the dog.

12:44 p.m. - Suspicious activity with a possible drug transaction with another party in an Infinity was seen at Oakdale Mall. The suspicious person picked up an item that was left behind. Police sent and they spoke with the caller.

6:47 p.m. - Last night and tonight while walking the caller's dog, the neighbor's dog became loose and came after her dog at Oliver Street. The caller's dog was on a leash. Animal Control Officer notified and responded.

8:59 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at St. Williams Church and Parish Center for no inspection sticker. Anibal Garcia-Feliz, 22, of 2 Inman St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended and no inspection sticker.

Wednesday, March 28

1:43 a.m. - Caller reported

his dad just called and was intoxicated and walking near Shawsheen Street and Patten Road. Police sent. The parties refused to speak with officers and walked away. Jason Ward, 44, of 97 Partridge Road in Billerica, was arrested and charged with injury firefighter, two counts of interfere with firefighter, three counts of assault with dangerous weapon (shod foot), two counts of assault and battery on ambulance personnel, assault and battery on police, resist arrest, and threat to commit crime (murder).

3:04 a.m. - Police sent at Cumberland Farms to check on a male party. Christopher Lacroix, 25, of 34 New Acres Road in Keene, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession class A drugs and intimidate witness (misleading police officer).

4:28 p.m. - Front desk of Motel 6 needed assistance with an unwanted male possibly intoxicated who just arrived by taxi. Manuel Sodre, 43, of 60 Cosgrove St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault and battery on housed family member.

11:12 p.m. - The owner of Jade East requested assistance with an unwanted male party who refused to leave. Jason Rochelleau, 44, of 365 Main St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with possession of class E drugs.

Thursday, March 29

7:54 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle broke down in the middle of the road at McDonalds North. Police sent to check. Mobil was pulling up to tow the vehicle.

9:51 a.m. - A suspicious Moto vehicle had two males sitting in the truck at Oakdale Mall. Police sent. James Berry, 34, of 15 Oakland Ave. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny over \$250, a warrant for operating motor vehicle with suspended license, a warrant for breaking and entering night time felony, possession class A (heroin) drugs, and possession class C (klonopin) drugs.

3:40 p.m. - Police sent to Maureen Drive to check on a suspicious act. The caller's neighbor reported a male party dressed in all black running through the back

yard. All set with no issues and spoken to. The party had a very large black dog.

property damage.

Saturday, March 31

4:16 p.m. - Loss Prevention at Wal-Mart reported one female shoplifter in the office. Stephanie Tetreau, 34, of 45 Royal St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

9:49 p.m. - The employee from Wal-Mart has a shoplifter in their custody. Paul Cogan, 24, of 1233 Whipple Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

10:19 p.m. - Peter Martel, 26, of 24 Wayside Road in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny of motor vehicle.

Friday, March 30

10:10 a.m. - A woman walked into the station with her friend to report suspicious drug activity on her son's phone that he left on the kitchen table. Police spoke with the parties and filed a report.

3:50 p.m. - A motor vehicle accident at East Street and Maple Street. Caller reported one vehicle was off into the woods with airbag deployment. Peter Corcoran, 27, of 9 Radcliffe Road in Somerville, was arrested and charged with intimidate witness (misleading police officer), OUI drugs, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, and leave scene of

2:12 a.m. - Caller at Archstone Avenue reported loud music coming from the clubhouse. Police sent and no loud music coming from that location. Dispatcher attempted to call the reporting party but the call went to voicemail.

11:32 a.m. - Caller from Pinewood Road area requested check on two males in the area, one wearing an orange top. One of the parties was walking and talking to himself and made her feel uneasy. Police spoke with the two parties, who were residents out for a walk.

1:16 p.m. - Received a call from loss prevention reported a shoplifter in custody at Home Depot. Jennifer Brown, 30, of 100 Merrimack Ave. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

3:53 p.m. - Loss Prevention at Wal-Mart reported one female shoplifter in office. Jamey OQuinn, 47, of 40 Smith St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Sunday, April 1

1:37 a.m. - Officer at Motel 6 reported a guest in room #201 did not pay his cab fare. Police sent and filed a report.



Wilmington Police Log

Driver caught going too slow busted for OUI-liquor

Monday, March 26:

6:51 a.m.: Oscar Menjivar, 26, of 2 University St. was arrested for child endangerment while operating under the influence of liquor, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless operation, marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, and giving a false name to police. Menjivar

had been driving at around 5 miles per hour on Carter Lane when he was reported by a parent dropping off a child at school.

6:19 p.m.: A cable wire was downed in front of a Williams Avenue residence. Verizon was notified.

Tuesday, March 27:

9:05 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision involving a Toyota Camry and a Cadillac Escalade occurred at the intersection of Woburn Street and Industrial Way. No injuries were reported and the airbags were not deployed.

5:16 p.m.: Police retrieved a syringe found on the side of Faulkner Avenue by a resident.

Wednesday, March 28:

2:48 a.m.: A brown Honda struck a pole on Andover Street. The driver, found to be sober, was not injured, and the airbags were deployed. The pole remained intact, but the collision snapped a metal support wire attached to it.

4:23 a.m.: A Honda Accord

and a Mercury Grand Marquis were involved in a motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Route 125 and Andover Street. The state Department of Public Works was called in to clear the debris and Ballardvale Street was temporarily closed to traffic.

1:38 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Richmond Street and Shawsheen Avenue involving a BMW M2 and a Chevrolet Cavalier. No one was injured in the collision.

2:22 p.m.: The driver of a Volvo S40 was cited for a Junior Operating License passenger restriction violation after a collision with a Dodge Ram. No one was injured.

Thursday, March 29:

6:21 a.m.: A Mazda M6 was cited for marked lanes violation after a collision with a Chevrolet Express Van at the intersection of Cushing Drive and Shawsheen Avenue. No injuries were reported.

11:15 a.m.: A Honda Ridgeline parked on Somerville Avenue was vandalized overnight.

1:37 p.m.: A GMC Terrain was struck in a hit and run at the intersection of Eames Street and Main Street. Its right rear bumper and break light were damaged in

the collision. The other vehicle, described as a newer, dark Toyota 4Runner, proceeded left onto Main Street.

Friday, March 30:

8:13 a.m.: Verizon was notified of a downed cable wire on Lee Avenue.

Saturday, March 31:

8:04 a.m.: A Lawrence Street resident reported that a bottle was thrown at their house.

7:42 p.m.: The passengers of a Honda CR-V were taken to Lahey by Fire Department medical vehicles after a collision with a Mercedes S550 at the intersection of Main Street and Mass Avenue, during which the vehicles' airbags were deployed.

Sunday, April 1:

1:22 a.m.: Kyle Nelson, 20, of 10 Fiorenza Dr. was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, marked lanes violation, a motor vehicle light violation, and driving without a valid inspection sticker.

10:17 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Middlesex Avenue involving a Hyundai Elantra and a Volvo S60. No injuries were reported.

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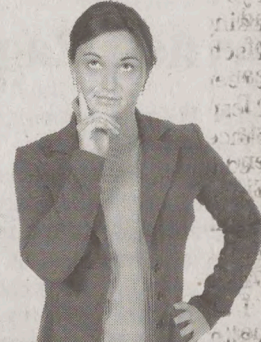
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Chief Patrick Keefe is flanked by Officer Fitzpatrick, left, and Officer Magliozzi, right.

(Photo courtesy of Andover Police)

Officers save man's life

ANDOVER — Officers Joseph Magliozzi, who grew up in Wilmington, and Owen Fitzpatrick saved a life last month.

Both officers were dispatched to North Main Street for a man that fell

down while walking on a sidewalk. Officer Magliozzi arrived first and saw citizen helpers doing chest compressions. He quickly took over care and applied his automatic external defibrillator and was prompted to

give the man two shocks and continued CPR.

Officer Fitzpatrick arrived next and teamed up with Officer Magliozzi until Andover Fire-Rescue EMTs arrived and took over care. The victim, a 58-year old

local business owner and son of a retired Andover Police Officer, was transported to a local hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

Peltz earns Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study

BOSTON — Joshua Peltz, of Wilmington, recently earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Health Professions Education from Simmons College in Boston.

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Keogan sentenced for threatening to burn mosque

BOSTON (AP) — A man is sentenced to five years in prison on multiple charges, including threatening to burn a local mosque on Facebook.

46-year old Patrick Keogan of Wilmington was sentenced to five years of prison and five more of supervised release by U.S. District Court Judge Douglas Woodlock.

Following the Paris terrorist attack in November 2015, Keogan posted threatening images to the Facebook page of the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural

Center, a Roxbury mosque.

He plead guilty in February 2017 for posting an image of a burning mosque reading "Burn Your Local Mosque" to that page, and the student Facebook page of the Islamic Society of North-eastern University.

U.S. district attorney Andrew Lelling says Keogan was also charged with unlawfully possessing dozens of firearms, ammunition and child pornography. He must register as a sex offender.

Analog looking at modest tax break

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As a condition of this tax relief, Analog has committed to creating 50 new jobs over the course of five years, and to brining 450 employees from its other locations in Chelmsford and Norwood to the Wilmington campus. The existing employee count in Wilmington is 1,555. Those employees will be retained throughout this process.

In total, Analog is looking to invest 157 million dollars into the Wilmington campus. New construction will include a parking garage, a new building for research and development, and a hub building for meeting space and a cafeteria. The proposed approach for reaching the 4.3 million dollar benefit is incremental. In the first year, taxes on that value would be waived effective 95 percent. In the second year, 90 percent would be waived. In year three 85 percent, year four 80 percent, year five 75 percent, year six

60 percent, and years seven and would see eight 50 percent waived each.

If the town votes in the affirmative at Town Meeting, documents will be forwarded to the EACC, who vote June 20.

The board was generally satisfied with the proposal.

"I knew originally the 20 years, the 17 million I thought was very aggressive. This is something I feel more comfortable with, (as) I realize that Analog is the largest employer here in the community," said Selectman Michael McCoy.

He compared the agreement to similar tax benefits given to companies in surrounding communities, including Burlington.

"It may cost a little money in the beginning, but we're going to have (a) marriage in the long run, and it's going to be beneficial to everybody."

"The committee worked diligently to put this package

together with the members from Analog and I think it's a win-win situation for both the residents and for Analog," added Selectman Kevin Cairra.

Selectman Ed Loud also voiced support, and asked that the local officials on the negotiation committee be recognized. Hull identified committee members as Assistant Town Manager Dee Casey, Planning and Conservation Director Valerie Gingrich, Principal Assessor Karen Rassias. He also identified John Doherty of the Finance Committee as having assisted in the discussions.

Chairman Michael Champoux recused himself from the discussion due to the potential for conflict of interest issues due to his current occupation.

Selectmen Greg Bendel expressed support, with some reservations.

"I'll be honest, again: I've said the past couple meet-

ings, I (was) a little hesitant about this at the beginning. I'm certainly a little reluctant to give anybody a tax break that wasn't Joe Resident, but after doing some research here, I think this can benefit all residents," he said.

He called the tax benefit an investment and compared it to a construction loan, commending the committee for having negotiated down the total sum, and the number of years. His reservations were with a precedent being set for further tax benefit requests.

"The mom and pop business with two employees is just as important to me, here, in town, they're just as valuable to this community. But here I just want to make sure that a precedent isn't set and that we have some guidelines for future possible agreements."

New firm hired on interim basis

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June 30. The town will be billed at the existing monthly rate.

The board also approved an agreement with Valerio, Dominello, and Hillman, LLC, the labor and employment law firm which the

attorney involved in the current arbitration matter is now employed by. This firm also stems from the former Deutsch Williams. All billing costs associated with this firm between April 1 and June 30 will be absorbed by Brooks and Dorensis.

The board voted unanimously to approve both agreements. The town is continuing its search for permanent counsel, a contract for which will likely begin this summer with the start of the new fiscal year.

Sica, Wilmington's public school ironman, never misses a day

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON - This year, Robert Sica will achieve the ultimate perfect attendance award, one that was 13 years in the making. Sica, a senior at Wilmington High School, has been present for all 180 days of school each year, adding up to over 2,300 days of school over his academic career.

Despite having a few instances when illness threatened to keep him out of class, Sica's perseverance and determination to achieve his goal enabled him to never miss a day.

"I am fortunate to be fairly healthy and only came down with some pretty good head colds here and there, but even then it was nothing too much," he said. "There were days my parents would say 'just stay home if you don't feel well enough to go to school' but I knew I could get through the day and would feel better if I kept moving around."

Sica's success didn't come without some challenges; he occasionally faced ridicule from his peers for attempting such a seemingly impossible challenge.

"There have been people along the way who have given me a hard time for 'being a



try hard' but I don't see it as being a try hard," he said. "I see it as showing dedication and focusing on getting the best education possible."

As an active member of the Wilmington High community, Sica participates in a variety of extracurricular activities. Some include the Wilmington High School Marching Band and Jazz Band, where he plays three different types of saxophone, and the National Honor Society.

Outside of school, he works about 30 hours a week at Market Basket, as well as doing much community service. He volunteers at Adults in Motion (AIM) every Tuesday during the summer, as well as at the Annual Relay for Life. He also tutors younger students in almost every subject.

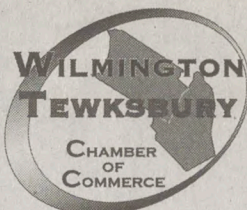
Additionally, Sica has had success outside the sphere of the town. When he was in the sixth grade, he won the first place award in the Massachusetts Municipal

Association's (MMA) sixth grade essay contest. His winning essay was chosen out of about 1,300 from across the state, and he was invited to read it in front of 425 local officials at that year's annual MMA meeting. He also came in the top 10 of another essay writing contest when he was in the fifth grade.

In regards to his future plans, Sica is interested in studying either biology or business at college. Although he has not decided where he will be attending yet, he is considering Merrimack College in Andover, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Curry College in Milton.

To those looking to achieve perfect attendance as well, whether it be on a smaller scale or larger scale, Sica believes dedication to one's goal is instrumental in order to succeed.

"For any student who is looking to achieve perfect attendance or trying to succeed in life, I can only say that if you focus hard on your goals in life, nothing can stop you from achieving them," he advised. "In the end, whatever you accomplish is something you can be proud about for years to come and nothing someone can take from you because it is your achievement."



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Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Wilmington Candidates Night

Date: Tuesday, April 10
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: WCTV, or Watch Live on Channels 38 or 22

Women In Business Event

Date: Wednesday, April 11
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Place: The Residence at Melrose Station, Melrose MA
Cost: \$10 Members/ \$20 Guests

Chamber Family Night At The Circus

Date: Friday, April 20
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Aleppo Shriners, Wilmington
Free tickets for Chamber Members

Multi-Chamber Networking Event

Date: Wednesday, April 25
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Place: Hillview Country Club, North Reading
Cost: \$10 Members/\$20 Guests

Chamber GOLF Classic

Date: Monday, April 30
Time: 7 am Registration/Breakfast, 8 am Shotgun Start
Place: Tewksbury Country Club
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Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.

Fennelly has experience

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done by the interim superintendent, he's ready to establish support and connection with Dr. Brand so as to set him up for success here.

In continuing a plan to move the school system forward, it's his intent that Wilmington students are prepared before they graduate for life after graduation.

He said that he wants them "to be prepared... educationally, intellectually, socially, and emotionally."

Some of the ways that he suggests to do this are in overhauling Chapter 70 funding and working with state representatives, which he already has experience doing.

Fennelly has eight years of political experience with former state representative Charlie Murphy and also with the House of Representatives. This time has taught him to listen to all arguments in a conversation.

"I know what it's like to take points of view from different folks," he explained.

He is aware that the town is in need of someone to be responsive to their thoughts and feedback about the School Committee.

This is exactly what he offers as a candidate.

"My plan, if I'm elected, is to be a voice for the people of this town... for people who may not feel like they're engaged or involved or like their opinions matter," he continued.

He will be motivated by his potential constituents not only to listen to what folks feel about what's going on but also to stand for the values and issues they're seeing. It's why he wants to have open office hours and to be reachable on Facebook for residents.

Fennelly reminds everyone to register to vote for this year's election by April 9 to make sure that their opinions are valued.



Wilmington Minutemen Installation of Officers

Seated - 2018 Officers, from left, Company Sgt. Frank West, Captain Michael Kelley, Lt Paul Rich Adjutant Sgt Nanci Robinson; standing, from left, State Sen Bruce Tarr, Cyrus Rich, Michael Bodnar, Robert Stone, Karen West, Jenn Rich, David Robertson (representing Rep. Jim Miceli), Hugh McNeil, Frank West, Jr, Mary Kelley and outgoing Captain Bill Robinson. Wilmington Minutemen is seeking new members who have an interest in preserving and presenting colonial life at various parades, encampments and other events. Members meet the second Thursday of each month at Minutemen Headquarters located directly behind the Harnden Tavern. For additional info, please call Frank West at 978-658-1754. (Courtesy photo)

Eaton passionate about growing senior population

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not just budget but the operations and programs of each department, their obstacles and approaches to overcome them."

He believed that his competency in Wilmington's finance and operations make him stand out as a candidate.

Should he be elected, Eaton wants to be involved in creating an economic development

committee for the town.

"What this committee could do is empower residents to play a more active role... to make sure that the businesses that come to town are the ones that we want," he continued.

He explained that this committee has the potential to change the way that development plans are made, which would impact the future of the town.

He's also passionate about the future of the town in terms of its growing senior citizen population.

"This is a population that has voted by and large for the new high school," he explained.

He mentioned that the current center has too many limitations and space constraints.

"There's a knitting group forced to meet in the kit-

chen... it's not appropriate for the center not to have a handicap accessible bathroom."

While he acknowledges the great work of Terri Marciello, he's concerned about the reality of seniors walking up and down the hill on top of which the building is situated for meetings at the 4th of July Building or for overflow parking.

Another project that he's ready to jump into is the

proposed rezoning of Sciarappa Farms. Eaton assures residents that he will be sticking up for what he thinks is right as a potential board member.

"My opinions are educated and I [take pride in] the amount of time that I put into making the town better."

He's grateful for the opportunity to potentially serve in this new and exciting capacity.

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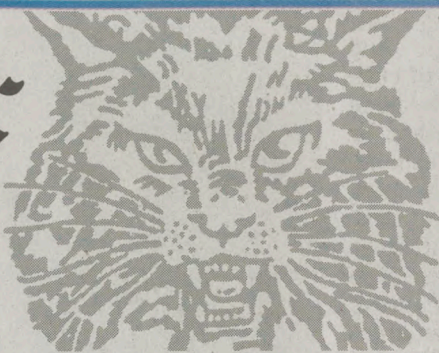
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WHS Baseball team returns 11-players from 16-win season

Mound and player experience favor ‘Cats

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON – It's hard to imagine that this year's Wilmington High School Varsity Baseball team can top last year's regular season.

A year ago, the Wildcats finished at 16-4 overall, went undefeated against Middlesex League Freedom Division opponents, won the ML Freedom Division Championship Title and also captured the Scanlon Memorial Tournament.

It was the best season since the ‘Cats had advanced to the Division 3 Eastern Mass Final back in 1997.

After the sweep of the Scanlon Tournament, the Wildcats played a memorable 13-inning state tournament game, losing 9-3, to league rival Burlington in the first round of the Division 2 North Tournament. That loss hurt a lot – and it was also the third straight year the team went home without a tournament win.

That could all change this year, on paper anyway. The 2018 Wildcats return 11 players from last year's 16-win season, having lost five players including three players



The 2018 WHS Baseball team will once again be under the direction of head coach Aldo Caira, who will look to his co-captains, Graham Smith, left, and Danny Gracia, right, to lead the way on and off the field. The two of them will remain teammates for the following four years playing at Franklin Pierce College.

who all had platoon roles. All but one of the team's pitchers return, while the entire infield and outfield

are back intact.

Among the 11 returners include Danny Gracia, last year's Middlesex League and Scanlon Tournament MVP, and Graham Smith and both of those players have already signed on to play at Division 2 Franklin Pierce College next year.

On top of all of that, the Wildcats have been dropped from Division 2 to Division 3 come state tournament time. But before we talk about the team's possibilities of success in June, the talk has to remain on how to be successful in April.

"I'm optimistic and how can you not be when you have a team that won the league championship last year with eleven of those players back? You have the entire pitching staff back, the whole outfield, the infield – everyone is coming back," said head coach Aldo Caira. "The only real full-time position not coming back is at catcher as we switched (two guys in that spot last year).

"I just have to keep these kids grounded. They have to make sure that they know that they have to play and they just can't walk onto the field and expect to win. They

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WHS Girls Lacrosse Preview

Slowly we step forward, inch by inch

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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WILMINGTON – Last season marked a step in the right direction for the Wilmington High Girls Lacrosse team, as the Wildcats fought their way to a 5-11 record, their best record in several seasons.

It was a positive step, but Wilmington coach Ashley Kelley, entering her third year as coach of the Wildcats is hoping that is was just that...a step. And she is hoping to see her team take several more positive steps this season.

Having lost just three seniors off of last year's squad, Kelley sees no reason why her team can't keep moving forward this season with a veteran laden group that includes seven seniors.

"Last year best record that we've had in a long time. We were only a few games away from qualifying for the state tournament," Kelley said. "My expectations are a little higher I think for this season because I have coached my group of seniors all four years and we have come a long way together.

"I started coaching with all of them at the JV level and we all moved up together which I think is really nice, and they have gotten to know my style and how I like to do things and I've definitely had fun teaching them a lot over the past four years and watching them grow. So they are higher for me because I want to see everything they've learned just kind of be fully released this season for their last time."

Three of the players who have been with Kelley throughout her tenure with the Wildcats are her tri-captains, senior midfielders Danielle Silva and Lauren D'Angelo, along with junior defender Devin Lawrence.

Lawrence is injured at the moment, but has still been outstanding in her role as a captain from the sidelines, just as Silva and D'Angelo have been while on the field.

"They are all super supportive to the girls, whether they need help, something explained to them or if I need them to explain a drill," Kelley said. "Danielle and Lauren have also learned a lot in this program and are excellent athletes. So to watch them pass their knowledge down to younger players makes me feel very proud of them. They aren't shy with stepping up to be leaders all three of them.

"And even though Devin is injured she is huge being on the side with me because she is constantly watching, picking things up on plays and drills, and yelling things to help out the girls, always cheering them on, and constantly engaging with the

girls and trying to teach them.

"All three of them are excellent for this role because they are the perfect role models of what it means to be a player on and off the field, they know what it means to be to be a great player, work hard, stay supportive, educate, and learn. And it's a pleasure working with these three."

Another strength for the Wildcats will be in net, where junior Megan Santry returns for another season after having a very good season last year. Also seeing time between the pipes will be freshman Shannon Murphy, who has quickly adapted to the step up in competition in her first year of varsity lacrosse.

"Megan is a great player to have on the team. She's very coachable and a joy to watch grow as a goalie as

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The 2018 WHS Girls Lacrosse team will be led by its tri-captains, from left, senior Danielle Silva, junior Devin Lawrence, and senior Lauren D'Angelo. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

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Wilmington resident now in second year as Director of Research and Development for Arizona Diamondbacks

Fitzgerald continues to advance in Professional Baseball

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PHOENIX, AZ/WILMINGTON, MA - With an education from MIT and having already spent four-and-a-half years working for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Mike Fitzgerald found himself next to the checkout line at Whole Foods Market in Dedham pitching himself to the new leaders of the Arizona Diamondbacks with the possibility of landing a new job in professional baseball.

That three-hour interview happened on the Saturday after Thanksgiving back in 2016. Later that night, the Wilmington resident and former football player at both Malden Catholic and MIT, was offered a job with the Diamondbacks and two days later he boarded a 5 am flight to Phoenix.

Former Boston Red Sox Assistant General Manager Mike Hazen, as well as former Red Sox employees Jared Porter and Amiel Sawdaye -- who all reign from Massachusetts -- had just been hired by Arizona shortly before that meeting at Whole Foods with Hazen as the new General Manager and Porter and Sawdaye as his two assistants. The three of them were seeking some additional members to their staff and needed a brilliant mind and extended out a request to the Pirates to meet with Fitzgerald, who had been a Quantitative Analyst for the Club from March of 2012 to November of 2016.

"I had worked with so many great people in Pittsburgh so it was not an easy decision by any means," said Fitzgerald in a phone interview. "I found out from my boss back in Pittsburgh that Arizona had some interest in interviewing me for the spot of Director of Research and Development position. At that time, I wasn't really set on wanting to take on a role like that as I was really enjoying what I was doing in Pittsburgh and being a part of the day-to-day advance process. I wasn't totally dead set on stepping into a different role and overseeing a team that looks at not only the Major League Advance, but much more than that which is what my boss, Dan Fox, was doing in Pittsburgh. So I went back-and-forth a little bit and I knew about the reputation of the guys (in the Arizona organization). I didn't know anyone, but I heard so many good things about them from so many people who I trusted, so I then decided to at least hear what they had to say and go and meet them."

The four of them met on a Saturday at Whole Foods Market in Dedham. They stood next to the checkout line for three hours -- they weren't paying for eggs or milk, rather it was talking about analytics, data, amateur players, professional players, possible trades, defensive alignments -- which all figured into the new title of "Director of Research and Development".

"The interview process was pretty funny -- they are all Boston-tied guys," said Fitzgerald. "Obviously Mike Hazen came directly from Boston and Jared Porter spent I think 12 years in Boston before he went to Chicago for a little over a year, and Amiel Sawdaye had been in Boston for close to 15 years as well. The way the interview process works (in Major League Baseball) is a team asks permission (to interview an employee in the organization) and if the permission is granted, that team pretty much gets a week to interview you and decide what they want to do. The interview was great. We sat down for about three hours right by the check-out counter at Whole Foods and we just bounced a bunch of different ideas off of each other."

Prior to this meeting, Fitzgerald had never met Hazen, Porter or Sawdaye, despite the three of them growing up in Massachusetts. Hazen grew up in Abington and attended Princeton. He was drafted by the Padres and spent time in the minor leagues before an injury ended his career. He then turned to the front office, working with the Cleveland Indians under former Red Sox skipper John Farrell in 2001 before moving to the Red Sox in 2006. He served in various roles, but mostly the Director of Player Development and then to Assistant GM and as the interim GM between the bridge of former leader Ben Cherington and the now current leader, Dave Dombrowski.

Porter, who grew up in Duxbury and attended Bowdoin College, has been a part of four World Series teams, three in Boston and one with the Chicago Cubs. He worked for the Red Sox before going one year to Chicago and then to Arizona. And Sawdaye, started out as an intern for the Sox in 2002 and worked his way up through the system including being named the Red Sox Vice President of International Amateur Scouting.

"After the three of us got into place, we realized that one of the first hires we needed to make was to get somebody to lead our Research and Development Department," said Sawdaye, also in a phone interview. "One of the names we were given was Mike and we did a little bit of research on him. We brought in a handful of different candidates and then it led us to the interview with Mike when we were all back in Boston. We met at Whole Foods because it was a central place for all of us. There's a big seating section there so we ended up getting breakfast and lunch so it wasn't like we met in the aisles of the supermarket, it was almost like a restaurant area."

The four of them gathered together in a supermarket to discuss and figure out how to get the D-Backs into a playoff contender not just for the upcoming season but for years to come.

"(Hazen, Porter and Sawdaye) were kind of curious what we were doing in Pittsburgh and whether or not I had interest in expanding that doing more work with the draft, more work with scouting and in areas of analytics and research and development can kind of complement the other areas of baseball operations," said Fitzgerald. "I went into that interview not thinking too much of it. I just want to meet these guys and see what they had to say and then I walked out of there three hours later and I remember calling my Dad and saying 'this seems like a great opportunity. These guys seem awesome, I really want this'."

"Later that night, they called me, made the offer, the next night I was flying back to Pittsburgh to say my goodbyes, which was very difficult, and the day after I was on a 5 am flight out to Arizona and just hit the ground running from there. It all came together very quickly."

Fitzgerald made sure that he did his homework before the interview took place.

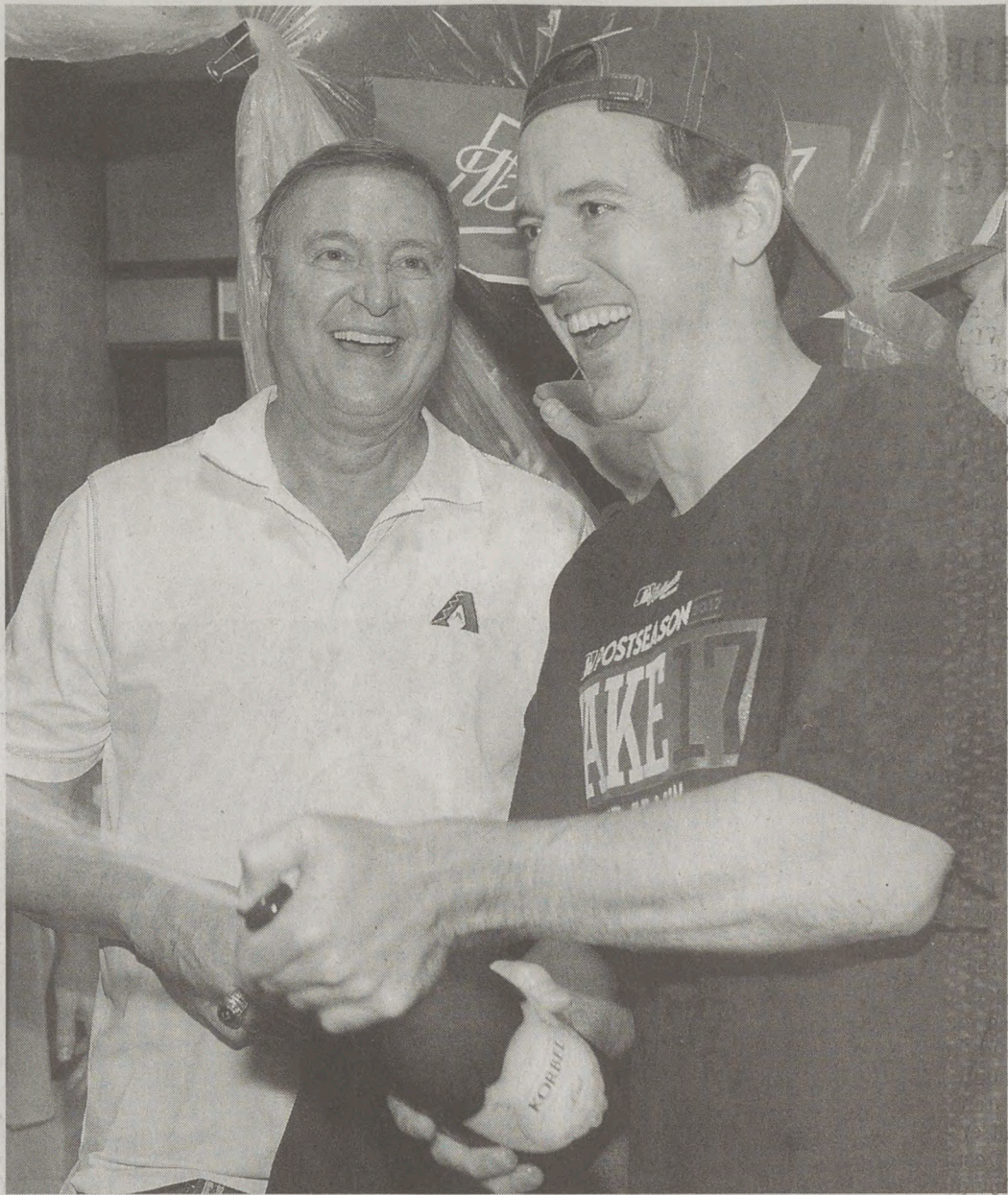
"Hazen was the Assistant Farm Director in Cleveland when (Pirates General Manager) Neal

(Huntington) was the Farm Director for them back in the mid 2000s, and Hazen told me that Neal was like a big brother to him then and then Neal raved about Mike as well," said Fitzgerald. "One of the Assistant General Managers in Pittsburgh, Greg Smith, knew Amiel fairly well, from their paths crossing out on the amateur circuit, and (Smith) spoke very highly of him. Dave Jauss, who was previously with the Red Sox, and who now works with the Pirates, raved about Jared Porter. There were different people within the Pittsburgh organization all gave glowing reviews of those three guys."

The Director of Research and Development is a position that many other MLB have added. It's about analytics and saber-metrics, but much more than that.

"Those three guys have an appetite for information, and in terms of objective side of things, they had all become accustomed to having certain types of information available to them as part of their decision making processes, and so when they came to Arizona, they wanted to both build out those information sources and continue to evolve them. As they looked around at the other twenty-nine teams in the league and the resources, the personnel commitments, that were made by the other twenty-nine teams, they felt like that was a big priority for them to invest in early. When I started here we only had two full-time analysts and a data architect."

"We've expanded that group in the first 16 months, and will likely continue to do so moving forward. They wanted to put someone in place to build up that group and not just give them information that they had become used to, but also fig-



Last October when the Diamondbacks clinched a playoff spot, Wilmington resident Mike Fitzgerald was right in the celebration popping a bottle of champagne. (courtesy photo)

ure out where the evolution of data was going to go and how we were going to leverage that into a tool set that allows us to make the best decisions possible.

Back in Pittsburgh, Fitzgerald was part of a seven member analytics team, which provided data to the organization in a long series of different topics and areas between statistics and saber-metrics, advanced scouting, defensive alignments, daily batting orders, evaluation of players both on the Pirates team or opposing teams, the acquisition of players, drafting players and so much more.

This group became instrumental in the organization's complete turnaround. The Pirates had gone 20-plus years without a winning record. In 2012, Fitzgerald's first year, the Pirates were in first place at the All-Star break before a second half collapse and the team finished four games under .500 at 79-83.

In 2013, the Pirates finished with a 94-68 record, beat the Cincinnati Reds in the Wild Card game before losing to the St. Louis Cardinals in the Division Series. That was the first of three straight post-season appearances as the Pirates won 88 and 98 games the next two years and lost to the Giants and Cubs in the Wild Card Games.

Throughout those post-season seasons, the Pirates pulled off several successful trades including getting Mark Melancon from the Red Sox, while adding players like Justin Morneau, Marlon Byrd, JA Happ, Russell Martin through trades and free agency.

The post-season runs ended in 2016 as the Pirates

were in contention for a playoff spot up until the final week of the season before tailing off. About six weeks after that season was completed, Hazen and company reached out to meet with Fitzgerald. He accepted the offer and position and is now running his own team of six or seven people as the Director of Research and Development.

"We kind of try to touch and complement a lot of different (day-to-day) areas," said Fitzgerald. "We have a couple guys in the organization who do a lot of work with the advanced strategies and looking at the opponents we are going to play and try to figure out strength and weaknesses and aggregating those into a digestive form. We have other guys on the staff who are working with our amateur scouting group and mining and sifting through the amateur data that we have access to and trying to complement what our amateur scouts are seeing with their eyes."

"We also have similar opportunities at the pro level where we can leverage the data we have to breakdown a player through a slightly different lens. We try to identify similar skills that our scouts are looking for, but from a little different perspective or lens. We're really just trying to complement the expertise that those guys have built up. Then at the end of the day, we're looking to find an overlap. We hope to make Mike's job as noise-free as possible. So we may say 'when it comes to this player, both main information sources are in agreement, so this is probably a player that we want to go after aggressively.'"

Last July, the Diamondbacks were in the middle of the pennant race with division rivals Dodgers and Rockies. Arizona needed a big bat to complement first baseman Paul Goldschmidt. The trade deadline was nearing, and the organization met daily to analyze and propose different players to acquire.

"I think (JD Martinez) hit thirty-one (home runs) in the second half which would have put him on pace to hit 73 over a full season. I don't think any of us saw that coming, but I think Mike, Amiel and Jared do a great job of everyday showing up and consistently evaluating ourselves, consistently evaluating our team and finding opportunities for improvement. The Martinez situation I think was just a perfect match for us as it was an area that we identified as a need and we thought the overall impact (of adding

him to the team) would benefit the entire organization. It just so happened that we were able to line up with Detroit with what they were looking for in return and we were able to fill a need (by acquiring a power hitter)."

"Mike's job is to put us in a position to be as successful as possible for as long he can, both in the short and long term windows, so anytime you're trading guys who have a chance to be contributors to your big league team in a couple of years from now, it's always a tough decision to make but at the end of the day, I think we all came to the conclusion that JD Martinez could really help our team now, at a time when we thought we had a chance to make a playoff run. So when push came to shove, we thought adding him to our team, and giving us a shot to do something special, was worth the risk. "Obviously the playoffs are a crapshoot once you get in there, but we looked at it as adding JD gave us a chance to solidify our opportunity to be a real contender for a playoff spot down the stretch. He obviously exceeded expectations."

Martinez took off and carried the Diamondbacks into post-season play where they first knocked Tewksbury's Scott Oberg and his Rockies' teammates, before getting swept by the Dodgers in the Divisional Series.

"Last year was definitely fun," said Fitzgerald. "Having the three straight years of making the post-season and knowing and feeling what that's all about and how exciting that is and how it validates all of the effort and energy you pour into everything, having the 2016 year not making it kind of just stoked the fire a little bit more and so the hunger to get back there last year was very, very real, and it was awesome to be able to taste that again."

"And it was also cool to do it with a new group of guys. For me personally, I hadn't worked with any of the new people we brought on (after me) or any of the people who had already been here, so we clinched after working together for only ten months and that feeling was really cool to be able to do something special and be able to see it come together so quickly."

Fitzgerald was asked about being a part of the trading deadline frenzy. Usually it's General Managers and Executives, like Fitzgerald, buried in a hotel room for days with empty coffee cups, water bottles and cheeseburger plates all over the

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Wilmington's Mike Fitzgerald, (3rd from the left in back row) poses with a large group of the Diamondbacks' Baseball Operations Employees, including his three bosses General Manager Mike Hazen (standing second from right), Jared Porter (standing, second from left) and Amiel Sawdaye (kneeling, far right). (courtesy photo).

WHS Softball Preview

Strong nucleus returns

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WILMINGTON - Coming off a terrific 15-7 overall record which included a state tournament win, the Wilmington High School Girls' Softball team will be trying to build off last year's success for this 2018 season.

In order to do that, the Wildcats will have to fix some holes left by several very good players who graduated last year including slugging catcher Shannon Horgan and third baseman Jen Dovidio, who was a vacuum at third and an on-base machine with the bat.

"What we thought we had isn't what showed at the scrimmage (we had on Tuesday)," said head coach Audrey Cabral-Pini. "So after two weeks of inside practice we are still searching for an outfielder, or two, and a catcher. It's been tough to replace a senior catcher as well as a power hitter."

Despite losing Horgan and Dovidio, among others, the Wildcats bring back the majority of the starting lineup including pitcher Ally Moran, infielders Antonia Kieran, Liz Gordon, Dana Goulet, Adele Burton as well as Ryan Bailey, Kayla Bourrell and several others who logged quite a bit of varsity time last year.

Three-quarters of the infield remains the same with Kieran at first, Gordon at second, Goulet at short, while Burton, who was forced to DH duties each of the past two years after a shoulder injury, seems OK to control the hot corner at third base.



The 2018 WHS Softball team will be led by its four captains, from left, Antonia Kieran, Liz Gordon, Dana Goulet and Adele Burton.

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Moran returns for her third season on the mound.

"Ally Moran will be our number one pitcher," said the coach. "She appears stronger and has been working on a couple of new pitches in the off-season. She is a two-time league all-star and she is ready to continue to be a workhorse on the mound. She already looks to be in all-star form."

Cabral-Pini added that Gianna Brunetto will also share the pitching duties and then will see time in the outfield.

The rest of the line-up seems to be uncertain. The catcher's spot is still being sorted out between Ryan Bailey and Aliyah Tang, both outfielders last year, or freshman Ashley Crawford.

"Ryan is someone we may ask to play multitude of positions," said Cabral-Pini. "She has the strongest arm on the team and we like her in right field, catcher or third. Adele was a great hitter last year but was limited to only that due to a shoulder injury. Our plan is to get her back to playing the hot corner without any shoulder discomfort."

"We have also toyed with the idea of moving Kayla Bourrell to third base but as of right now we have put that on the backburner because she is an awesome centerfielder. She made some tremendous catches - some game saving ones last year. So as the saying goes, 'don't fix what ain't broken'."

Rounding out the team include junior outfielders Emily Wright and Kacie Bourrell as well as freshman utility player Jenna Sweeney.

Despite some pre-season questions, the nucleus of this year's team is pretty strong, both offensively and defensively.

"Offensively I think Antonia Kieran, Ally Moran and Adele Burton will be able to provide power in the heart of the order. Dana Goulet will probably bat lead off. We are still looking for a second batter and it'll probably be between Aliyah Tang or Kayla Bourrell, but Liz Gordon and Ryan Bailey have been consistent contact hitters as well," said Cabral-Pini. "We have great speed

with Dana Goulet, Aliyah Tang, Kayla Bourrell, and freshmen Ashley Crawford and Jenna Sweeney. Hopefully we can improve upon our short game which was not really what we would have liked last year. Unfortunately we do not have a lefty batter or someone who can turn around to slap on a consistent basis."

"Antonia will move up a spot and is capable of hitting for average and power. (On Tuesday) she was a bright spot in the line-up by hitting a long home run into right field."

Defensively with Gordon/Goulet and Bourrell up the middle, the 'Cats should be strong with the gloves.

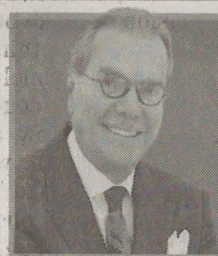
"Dana and Liz have been

our middle infielders for three years now and they are usually in sync with one another," said the coach. "It's important to be strong defensively up the middle."

Goulet, Gordon, Kieran and Burton are the team's captains.

"They have all worked hard in the off-season preparing themselves to have another successful season," said Cabral-Pini.

Wilmington's opener on Wednesday against Cathedral High School has been postponed. The next game is scheduled for Tuesday against Woburn but with weather and field conditions that game is also up in the air. On April 12th, the 'Cats travel to Belmont.



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Pee Wee 1's advance to playoff

On a cold rainy Tuesday night the Wilmington Wildcats PeeWee 1 hockey team headed to Hockey Town in Saugus for a semifinal match against Cape Ann.

The Wildcats were all business and had no intention of letting Cape Ann get in their way of a shot for the title. Wilmington came out skating hard and playing smart, disciplined hockey which resulted in a big 3-0 victory. Griffin Carr was an absolute beast in goal for the Wildcats earning his second shutout of the playoffs!

First period action was everything you would want out of a playoff game. A lot of fast paced hockey with both teams battling hard.

The Cats scored at 5:54 when Ryan Hayden slammed in the puck out front on a pass from Brett Ebert and Daniel Lagunilla.

Cape Ann fought back only to be denied by Carr and the steady, solid defense of Jacob Smith, Patrick Mozuch, Matt DiZoglio, Charlie Chirichiello, Johnny Dalton and Matt Mozuch. Strong offensive efforts from Tyler Beals, Brett Gallucci and Alex Burns almost netted a couple more.

In the second period at 7:20, Dalton broke up a play in the neutral zone and chipped the puck up to Ebert who flew into the attacking zone and ripped a nice wrist shot just inside the far post to put Wilmington up 2-0.

The Cats were continuing to attack and continuing to keep their composure which resulted in a powerplay goal by Jake McLean on a rebound from Ryan Papineau and Dalton at 5:10 to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead.

Wilmington dug down deep to preserve the win, not only for themselves but also for absent player, Bobby Dodge who had not missed a game all season.

In the final frame Cape Ann team tried everything they could to get into the game, but the hungry Wildcats kept shutting them down.

Offensively and defensively, Wilmington was not to be denied. Hayden's first period goal proved to be the game winner as the Wildcats advance to the finals on Saturday at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.



The captains on this year's WHS Girls Outdoor Track-and-Field team includes from left, Amie Russell, Lailoo Perriello, Alexcia Luna and Emma Garrity. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Girls Track team to start from the ground-up

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WILMINGTON - Throughout the history of the Wilmington High School Girls Outdoor Track-and-Field program, it seems that when it comes to success in terms of wins and losses, league titles and state place finishers, the 'Cats would strive when they got the multi-sport athletes, who usually would use track as a springboard for their No. 1 sport.

Today, or the last few years, those multi-sport athletes are no longer joining indoor or outdoor track. Rather, the majority of them use those seasons to play in various club league type of their only other sport. That being said, numbers and wins have really been down for this program.

The 2017 Wilmington High team has just 30 members on it. To make a comparison, next door in Tewksbury 17 percent of the females in the entire school are on this year's roster - a total of 98.

And in terms of wins, losses and state place finishers, Tewksbury had two Division 1 college athletes on last year's team, has another on this year's team and the program hasn't lost a dual meet since 2008 and finished as the Division 3 and All-State runners-up last spring.

This spring Brian Schell takes over as the new head coach, as he was named after previous head coach Brie Karow resigned after the completion of last year's season.

Schell, a former WHS runner, has served as the boys and girls cross-country coach and also as the girls indoor track coach. It took a little while but he built the indoor track team up to where the team won its first ever league title and this past fall, the boys cross-country team competed in its first ever All-State Meet.

He's hoping that he can eventually help turn the outdoor track team back into a competing team.

"The program is in a major rebuilding process," he said,

knowing that last year's team finished 0-4-1. "Currently we have a small group of 30 girls and with more events in the outdoor season the numbers are still a little low.

"Aside from past records, we need to build a new and stronger team atmosphere. We are coming off of a good indoor season and we really need to carry that into the outdoor season."

The good news for the team is that the two athletes who both competed in last year's Division 3 State Meet are back. Alexcia Luna, the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year, finished third in the 200 (26.22) and fourth in the 100 (13.09) during the Division 3 State Meet, while, now junior Emma Garrity placed eighth at the state meet in the 800 with a time of 2:22.83.

"Last year, Lexi set school records in the 100 and 200 and this year she will be stepping up in any combination of events ranging from the 100-200-400, to the 4x100, 4x400 relays and to both the

long and triple jump," said Schell. "And Emma was roughly one second off of the school record in the 800 meters. She too will be stepping into a combination of events from the mile-800-400 and with the 4x400 relay team."

Luna, senior Lailoo Perriello, Garrity and fellow junior Amie Russell are the four captains on this year's team. Luna, Perriello and Jade Brennan are the three seniors, while Garrity, Russell, Kerri Barnum and Julia McLaughlin are the lone juniors. That leaves 23 sophomores and freshmen which is a good place to start in the rebuilding process.

"Wins and losses are the least of concerns this season," said Schell. "Right now, especially with our low numbers, there are going to be a lot of people doubling if not tripling up every meet. Many of them are going to compete in new events and we will go from there.

"The biggest thing I am going to take away from this

season moving forward is from those who are willing to step up when opportunity rises, especially now with more events to compete in compared to the indoor season."

Rounding out the team includes sophomores Donalissa Alphonse, Joanne Arulraj, Grace Foley, Sophia Fruciano, Allison Jordan, Hannah LaVita, Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo, Gianna Misuraca, Sarah Obeng, Juliana Patrone, Anna Rideout, Petya Stoeva, Mansi Thakkar, Amanda Tran and Gabriela Villalta.

The freshmen include Aaliyah Abel, Chikadili Amakor, Maggie Bourgeois, Jessica Hayduk, Katherine McLaughlin, Miriam Nelson, Alessia Puccio, Caroline Rooney and Carissa Rubin.

Wilmington opens the season on April 9th at home against Melrose starting at 4:00 pm.

WHS Boys Track Preview

Coach believes pieces are coming together for a successful season

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WILMINGTON - The 2017 Wilmington High School Boys Outdoor Track-and-Field team had its shares of ups-and-downs. The Wildcats finished the regular season with a 3-3 record

in the Middlesex League Freedom Division, and then at the Division 3 State Meet the team was pleasantly surprised with the first place championship from Tate Kennedy in the discus.

That being said of all of the participants from the state meet, except one, have since

graduated and left the program. The only one remaining is James Sheehan, who finished 16th in the state in the discus throwing 102 feet.

Sheehan joins Tom Hogan as the two captains for this year's team, which despite losing so much talent from last year's team, seems to

have replenished that in numbers, with a whopping 75 kids on the team.

"We have a great turn out this year, and the pieces are all coming together," said Mike Kinney, who is in his eighth year as head coach and 17th in the program. "We have 75 athletes on the

team, great senior leadership, and a lot of enthusiasm from the underclassmen. We have seen a lot of improvement in the all the athletes. It shows that many have put in a good deal of preparation over the winter and in the preseason thus far.

"We should be balanced and very competitive in the league this year and are striving to place among the top teams in Division 3."

Despite losing nine seniors who earned a lot of points for the team last year, the Wildcats still have a large group of returning letterwinners to this year's team.

That group includes sprinters Hogan, Sean Braz, Frankie Melanson, Ian Proulx, Bryan Saguin and Jesse Valente, who are seniors, as well as juniors Sam Vince, Mike Fothergill, Max Duong, Matt Thomas and AJ Curdo.

Returning throwers include seniors Sheehan, Nolan Kane, Ben Pastore and John Cox as well as juniors Tyler Thomas and Shawn Estrela.

Returning distance runners include seniors Andrew Dawson and Dillon Greenhalgh, juniors, Ben Packer, Kevin Elder, Vincent De La Cruz and Tom Goodwin, as well as sophomores Brian Elder, Joe Lydon, Greg Adamek, Pat McCarthy and Nolan Kennedy.

Among the newcomers is senior John Kenney, who transferred to WHS from Central Catholic and only rushed for over 1,000 yards for the football team and

then finished third at the Division 4 State Meet in the 55-meter dash at 6.66 seconds during this indoor season. He will lead the charge in the sprint events, mostly, 100 and 200-meters, and then perhaps the shorter distance relay teams.

Other promising newcomers include in the sprints, juniors Mark Rogomentich and Colin Rooney, Kevin Souza as well as sophomores Richie Stuart, Jake Danieli and Brandon Moy; sophomores Dean Nally and Nathan Curdo will be throwers (javelin/discus/shot put), and on the distance running side it'll be sophomore Alex Boehm with freshmen Owen Surrence, Sean Riley and Patrick O'Mahony.

Looking to add depth in many of the events include juniors Ben DeSantis, Kyle Gardner, Samuel George, Eric Nesline, Sean Stanford and Bruce Veliz; sophomores Tom Abbott, Jon Alvarez, Jake Arsenault, Matt Chisholm, Justin Crowley, Andrew Lee, Dan Maienza, Mark Messenger, Brett Nansel, Nick Palermo, Aiden Ryan, Sukethram Sivakumar, Manav Thakkar, Jimmy Valente and Max Wright;

And finally freshmen Chris Bernazani, Alex Fitzler, Thomas Grenier, Sean Lydon, Aidan McGrath, Colton Sullivan, Samuel Juergens and Ethan Yuen.

Wilmington will open the season on April 9th at home against Melrose starting at 4:00 pm.



The WHS Boys Outdoor Track Team will once again be under the direction of head coach Mike Kinney and he will look to his captains from left Tom Hogan and James Sheehan to lead the way. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Tennis team hoping to match last year's magical season

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WILMINGTON -- To say last season was a success for the Wilmington High Girls Tennis team would be a vast understatement. It was not just a success, it was a historic season for the program, with the Wildcats setting a new program record for wins with 12, and more importantly, winning the program's first ever post season match with an upset victory over North Andover in the first round of the Division 2 North Tournament, before being eliminated by eventual state champion Wayland in the quarterfinals.

"Last year was a great year for our program. We accomplished a lot as a group and every member of the team should reflect back with pride. It was a fun ride," Wilmington coach Matt Hackett said. "I hope the success not only created lasting memories for our team but also helped inspire younger kids to take up tennis in the future."

"It will be a season that will live on forever for those who got to experience it, however the Wildcats must now move on. Nobody understands that better than Hackett, of course, who enters this season needing to replace three of his top players from last season in Christina Woods, Christina Wright and Sam Maragioglio.

"Losing a two-time league all-star in Christina Woods is a huge hit to our first doubles team. She was a dominant net presence. Losing Sammy at second singles creates a huge void when you consider the number of big matches she won," Hackett said. "Losing Christina Wright at second doubles means we have lost one of our most consistent players and positive athletes on and off the court. Typically athletes and peo-

ple like them are difficult to replace."

But replace them they must, and the good news for Hackett and the Wildcats is that while the departed seniors will certainly be missed, there is still plenty of talent on the roster this season as they gear up for a second consecutive run at a state tournament berth.

"We bring back some great talent and really good leaders that are primed to take their game to the next level. I'm confident that with hard work and focus, this team is primed for another run at the tournament," Hackett said. "The vibe on the team so far this year is outstanding. The girls seem to get along well, have great chemistry and are really positive."

Along with a great attitude, many of the Wildcats also return with some great experience and some great skill, starting with their top two singles players, where juniors Emily Hill and Lia Kourkoutas will return to the lineup. Hill has been the Wildcats number one player since her freshman season, while Kourkoutas starred at third singles last season.

"Emily has worked tremendously hard in the off-season playing in tournaments and taking lessons. I think she is ready for a break-out season at first singles. I'm proud and confident having her lead us at the top of the line-up," Hackett said. "Lia led our team in wins last season in what was a break-out year for her at third singles. She has a high tennis IQ, plays with tenacity and has the potential to do the same at second singles."

Sophomore Carolyn Roney, who starred at first doubles last season along with Christina Woods, will move up to third singles this season.

"Carolyn was a first doubles all-star but her skill set lends itself best to singles,"



The senior members on this year's WHS Girls Tennis team includes from left, Jill Roche, Lauren Field, Krista Brown and Abby Melvin. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Hackett said. "I'm excited for her to have the opportunity to showcase her ground strokes this year on the singles court."

While Roney will move on from doubles, the Wildcats will still be well represented at both first and second doubles, with Jessica D'Arco and Krista Brown taking over at first doubles, and Lauren Field and Jill Roche playing second doubles.

"Jessica and Krista work

as hard at their game as anyone and as a result have seen drastic improvements in their skills," Hackett said. "We had a lot of internal competition for first doubles but they edged out their competition for now. They work very well together and have great chemistry. They will be a formidable opponent to anyone they play."

Field will return to second doubles where she had tremendous success last

season with Christina Wright. She will now be joined by Roche, who Hackett says came very close to making the varsity squad last season.

"These two have first doubles talent and just got edged out for now. Lauren brings excellent varsity experience back at second doubles and Jill was ready for varsity last year but fell victim to a crowded line-up," Hackett said. "Both are

ready to go this year and also have great chemistry together. Coupled with their athleticism, they will make a great doubles team."

The Wildcats junior varsity squad will include freshmen Lauren D'Arco, Vidhi Shah, Johanna Robinson and senior Abby Melvin.

"All four of these players look good and could challenge for varsity time with hard work," Hackett said.



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Middle School team to play in ML

Pop Warner program making some big changes for upcoming season

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WILMINGTON - The 2018 Wilmington Pop Warner season is shaping up to be totally different than what it's been in years past.

Last Wednesday night at the Wilmington Middle School, new League President Joe McCauley and WHS Football coach Craig Turner met with parents and league coaches and administrators to discuss the changes set forth for this

upcoming season, including the decision to join the Eastern Mass Middlesex League Middle School program.

McCauley said that players in grades six through eight are eligible to play for this new team, while, Wilmington will still be involved with Pop Warner, fielding teams for the kids in grades 2-6, continuing to have its strong cheerleading program for grades 2-8, as well as the continuation of the popular Flag Football

League for kids in Grades 2-8 and cheerleading for 5 and 6 year-olds.

There were a number of factors that weighed in on this decision.

"The introduction of the league benefits Wilmington by being a feeder program for WHS Football," said McCauley. "It keeps the kids playing in town playing and starts to prepare them for the rigors of high school football as well as following a similar schedule."

That's one reason.

Probably the biggest reason is lack of numbers for the kids in the A and B teams over the last few years.

"The majority of the kids involved have been a part of Wilmington Pop Warner since the E team," said McCauley. "It's sad to have to move on but unfortunately it has been difficult to field teams at the older age groups. Last year there was no A or C level team and a B team with a roster of only 20."

"The introduction of middle school football will keep the kids playing together as last year several had to move to Billerica to play since an A team wasn't an option at WPW."

The Middle School team is open to all Wilmington students entering Grades 7&8 for the 2018-19 school year (Grade 6 students not eligible for Pop Warner are also welcomed). The Wildcats will be playing 'Grade Based' Football, where there will be no weight restrictions or requirements.

The MS team will play eight regular season games (all during the week) against Arlington, Belmont, Melrose, Winchester and Woburn, who all play out of the Middlesex League at the high school level, and then Bedford and Saugus as well. There will be an anticipated three practices a week, and

also an optional, but encouraged summer conditioning program which is free to all players.

Turner sees this change as not only a win-win scenario for his program, but most importantly the children of Wilmington.

"I met with Joe McCauley recently and we discussed his idea of starting a middle school football league here in Wilmington. I believe in Joe and his vision for what a Middle School Football League can do for football in Wilmington," he said. "I've been a big supporter of Pop Warner Football for years and will continue to be. Wilmington Pop Warner along with most area Pop Warner programs has struggled with numbers for the older teams in recent years forcing the combining of teams with other area towns."

"Lost in combining teams like that is the ability to develop school and town pride and a sense of camaraderie built between classmates that carries over to the high school years. Many area towns have transitioned to Middle School Football in an effort to curb this trend."

"I believe in this venture whole heartedly and think it will have a positive affect on our high school program but, most importantly, I believe it will be good for the kids of Wilmington. The pro-

gram will compete in a league that features several other Middlesex league teams and practice and play a schedule similar to that of a freshmen team. This will prepare our kids for success at our level here at the high school."

McCauley was also asked how he thought the public handled the change?

"The informational night we hosted went very well," he said. "There were a lot of new faces interested in playing the game. Coach Turner spoke to the young athletes and their parents about this team and its benefits for those who want to play high school football, the importance of playing with kids your own age and other local towns they may face in the Middlesex League, in high school. He also spoke about having pride in representing your community."

McCauley said that, average registration costs for this new league is roughly \$300 (per player) but as a starter team, there may be additional costs for uniforms and equipment. Registration will be held on April 10th and April 11th at the Middle School. For any further information for those interested in playing Middle School Football please, contact Joe McCauley at joseph.m.mccauley5@gmail.com.

WHS Boys Tennis Preview

Young roster but same old goals

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WILMINGTON - Every team has to go through a rebuilding year at some point, and that point has seemingly arrived for the Wilmington High Boys Tennis team this season, as the Wildcats will enter the season with a group of very talented, but extremely young players under the direction of coach Rob Mailey.

How young, you ask? Well, the Wildcats will head into the season with a roster that features three sixth graders, two eighth graders, three freshmen and one junior. Hit hard by the graduation of their top two singles players from last year's team, Evan Meyers and Zach Ayvazian, along with doubles players Zach Marcinkowski, Panayiotis Hatzis and John Le, Mailey knows his team will be facing an uphill battle this season.

"It's a complete rebuilding season," Mailey said. "It's a totally different approach. We are trying to work hard in practice at making their strokes better and teaching them how to play the game. We are trying to work on helping them with their self

confidence to help them not just this season, but for years to come, and the kids have been responding well."

The Wildcats will be led by the most veteran member of the squad, junior captain Chris Spinazola. Mailey is looking forward to seeing what Spinazola can bring to the team this season in his increased role.

"Chris is a three sport athlete and he has been working hard to improve his game," Mailey said. "He is doing very well so far, and he will be one of our top singles players."

Also in competition for the top singles spot is eighth grader Anay Gandhi. Gandhi joined the Wildcats last season and made an immediate impact as a seventh grader, and Mailey sees even better days ahead for the future star.

"He is vastly improved from last season," Mailey said. "He is ready to go, and I believe he is going to have a great season."

Freshman Colby Scaplen saw a little bit of time at the varsity level last season and is ready to take his game to another level. He will be seeing some time at third singles, as will sixth grader Anuj Gandhi.

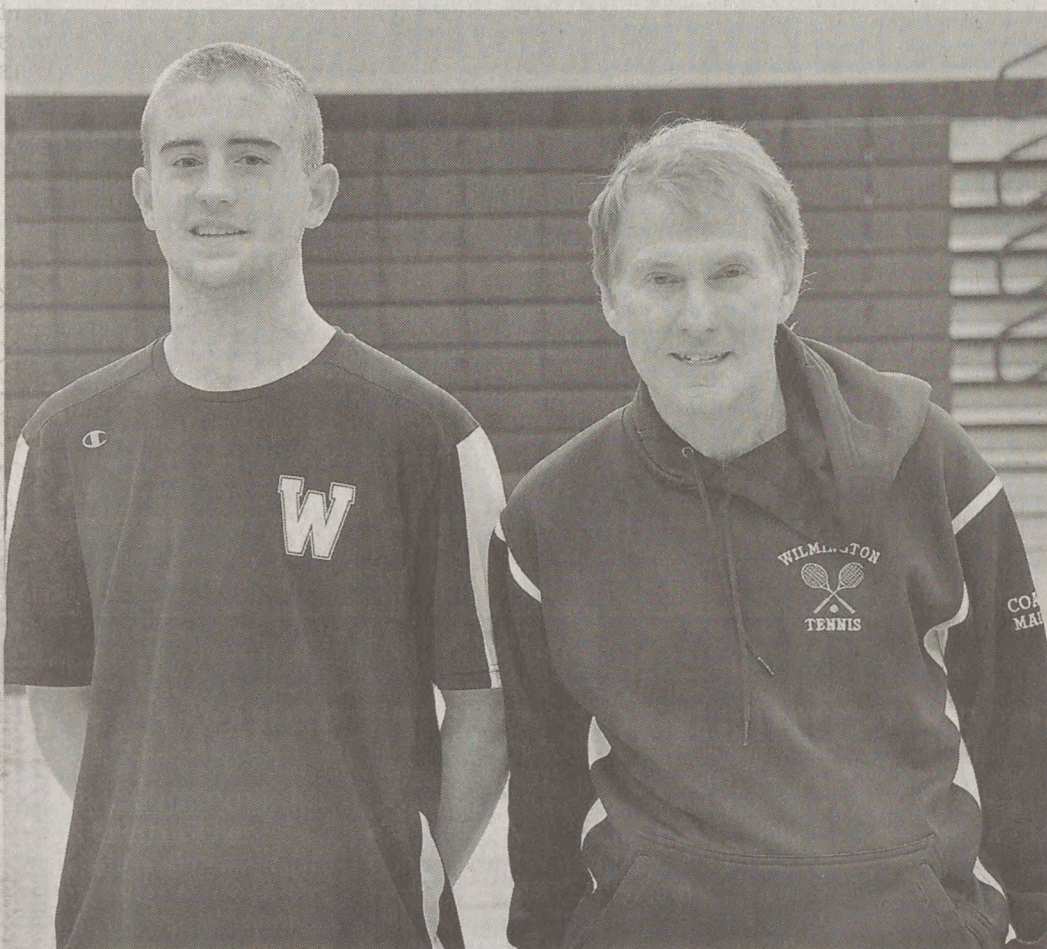
"Colby did pretty well for

us last year when he got the chance and he is looking good again this season," Mailey said. "And Anuj looks like he is ready to play at this level. He is little, but he has really good strokes."

Freshman Jared Benoit may also see some time at third singles or in doubles, where the competition is crowded with players looking to get on the court. Right now, it looks like Mailey will use a rotation of Benoit, fellow freshman Hayden Kane, eighth grader Alex Flynn and sixth graders Owen Mitchell and Eric Packer.

The Wildcats were set to open their season on Wednesday at Middlesex League rival Woburn, and while it is impossible to tell how many wins this inexperienced group will have this season, Mailey knows he will not have to question their effort.

"They are all hard working kids, and their attitude is very good," Mailey said. "Chris is doing a great job as captain so far, and all of the kids are following him. I love coaching these kids, because they have been working so hard, and are always trying to improve."



The WHS Boys Tennis team will be under the direction of veteran coach Rob Mailey and lone captain, junior Chris Spinazola. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Registration is now open for the 8th Annual 5K Run for Wilmington/Kim Forte Walk

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TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON - It wasn't very long ago that Rachel McLaren was a three sport high school star at Shawsheen Tech, doing her best to lead the Lady Rams soccer, hockey and lacrosse teams on the field and on the ice. A few years have now passed since those glory days at the Tech, but McLaren is back once again trying to lead her high school team to victory on the lacrosse field.

The difference now is that the Wilmington resident and 2014 graduate of Shawsheen Tech will be leading her team from the sideline, having taken over as head coach of the Tewksbury High Girls Varsity Lacrosse team.

McLaren takes over a team that went 7-13 last season, and she has been very pleased with her squad's effort so far in the preseason as they attempt to make a run at the post season. It's never easy for a new coach to implement a new system, but McLaren's job has been made especially difficult this season due to the seemingly never ending winter weather. You won't find her complaining about her team's situation, however. Rather, she and her team have embraced the challenges before them.

"It's been hard these first few weeks. We've been practicing in the gym which was challenging but we did the best we could and the girls had a positive attitude throughout it," McLaren said. "Eventually we decided we needed to get outside so we shoveled the field and have been able to practice on the turf. Being outside now has improved our game. The girls are doing very well so far and I have enjoyed every second with them so far. I am looking forward to a great season with these girls and hope we will have a lot of fun while we are here."

McLaren, continued her varsity soccer career after high school, playing one season at Nichols College before transferring to Merrimack College where she played club soccer and hockey and will graduate in May of 2019. While her career as an athlete has been extensive, this will be her first foray into coaching, at least as a head coach. While the inexperience may intimidate some, McLaren is



RACHEL MCLAREN

looking forward to her new responsibilities.

"I've helped out with 'Learn to Play' programs but now this time I get to make the decisions," McLaren said. "I am eager to coach these girls and I have a lot to bring to this team. I've always thought about coaching but never knew when the right time would be."

"I saw Tewksbury was looking for a new girl's lacrosse coach and knew it would be a great fit for me. In the fall I did my clinical rotation at Tewksbury with their athletic trainer, Tori Kendall, and had a blast. Tori and (athletic director) Ron Drouin are two great people that I'm happy I get to work with them this year."

While she may be inexperienced as a head coach, McLaren also has a distinct advantage over many coaches in that she can easily relate to her players, having been a high school athlete fairly recently herself.

"I think being close in age with them does help. The girls seem comfortable with me and aren't afraid to talk to me or ask questions," McLaren said. "Since I only graduated a few years ago, I still have all the memories

from my experience playing varsity sports that I want to share with the girls and hope to teach them things that I was taught while in high school."

McLaren learned plenty of lessons from many great coaches at both the high school and college level, but there was one coach who stood out among the rest in making a positive impact on her during her playing days, and she is hoping to take those lessons with her into her new position as a head coach.

"My lacrosse coach from high school, Maggie Joyce was my biggest influence," McLaren said of her fellow Wilmington native. "She was the best coach I could ever ask for. I started out as a freshman who had never played before and she turned me into this strong lacrosse player who could play anywhere on the field. If it wasn't for her I would not love this sport as much as I do. I am trying to bring her coaching methods to my team and be as powerful as a coach as she was. She was one of the best coaches to learn from and I hope that I can be as good as a coach as she was."

Softball team eager to get season underway

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BILLERICA -- There was a period of time for the Shawsheen Tech Softball team when they dominated their opposition in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference, winning seven league titles in a row from 2007-2013, while qualifying for the post season was an annual tradition.

But prior to last season the Lady Rams has missed the post season for two consecutive years, unable to achieve the 500 record required to qualify. Last season that all changed however, as the Lady Rams showed signs of returning to their previous form, going 12-7 on the season and qualifying for the Division 3 North Tournament, winning their first round game over Greater Lawrence before being eliminated by St. Mary's.

It was a season to remember, and a season to build on for Shawsheen coach Scott Ialuna and his players.

"I couldn't have been happier with the way the season went. The team pulled together, and we had different people step up in big spots last year," Ialuna said.

"It was great getting back to the tournament. Winning our first tournament game in four years was a step in the right direction for this program. We handed eventual League champ, Whittier, one of their two losses on the season, and had two huge wins against Essex Tech and 17-3 Mystic Valley."

With that kind of backdrop, the Lady Rams are obviously eager to get their new season started, but unfortunately the weather has not cooperated. Nevertheless, Ialuna says his players are doing whatever they can to prepare for the season.

"Shawsheen does MCAS testing in our gym, and there is snow on our fields, so we have spent the last week getting creative and practicing in our parking lot," Ialuna said. "There are always one or two strategically placed cars that we have to avoid and make practice interesting. On Friday, I actually saw grass, so hopefully we will be on our field soon."

Shawsheen Tech Baseball Preview

Expectations remain high

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BILLERICA -- Last season, for the first time in four years, the Shawsheen Tech Baseball did not win at least a share of the CAC championship. That does not, however, mean that the season was a disappointment. Quite the opposite in fact, as the Rams put together a 16-4 regular season, and finished 19-5 overall after winning one game in the Division 3 North Tournament and winning the State Vocational Tournament for the first time in school history.

Looking back on the season and looking back on the past few seasons is a tremendous source of pride for Shawsheen coach Brian McCarthy and for his players, but at the same time he knows that the only reason for their consistent success has been their commitment to the task, and he knows they must maintain that commitment if they are going to be successful once again this season.

"We are really proud of the success we've had over the last few years. It is a true testament to our players, who year in and year out, work hard. The players on our team set high expectations and goals for themselves, and work hard to achieve them," McCarthy said. "They know about the history of the program and



The local players on this year's Shawsheen Tech Softball team includes from left, Becca Smith of Tewksbury, Jess Stevens of Wilmington, Marissa Brangiforte of Tewksbury and Karissa Kakleas of Tewksbury. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Shawsheen will enter the season having lost a pair of key pieces from last year's squad, with co-captains Victoria Basler and Katie Welch having graduated. Despite those two losses however, the Lady Rams do return most of their team for another run at the state tournament.

"We are looking to build on last year's success. Katie and Victoria were two huge pieces that we will sorely miss. Katie manned shortstop for four years for Shawsheen, and had a spectacular senior season," Ialuna said. "Victoria finished in the top two in every offensive category. While replacing them will be big, we do have the right building blocks to succeed this year too."

"We have a lot of experience coming back, and I am very excited to see how the team gels this year. The possibilities are endless."

One of the biggest

strengths for the Lady Rams will be their pitching, where they bring back all three of their starters, with seniors Brooke Arena and Carlee Wickwire, along with junior Marissa Brangiforte all returning to the pitcher's circle.

"You can never have enough pitching," Ialuna said. "They complement each other well. The highest ERA last year of the three was 3.4. Brooke has three pitches but has great control of all three. In fact, 72.9 percent of her pitches were strikes last year. Carlee has a lot of movement on her pitches and threw a gem of a game against Whittier last year. She also beat Essex Tech. Marissa battled injuries early in the season, but still managed to lead the team in strikeouts."

The Lady Rams will have several key position players returning to their lineup as well, with senior Alyassa

Cushing moving from left field to shortstop, while CAC All-Star and three-year starter, senior Katelyn Logue will be back at third base. Junior Becca Smith of Tewksbury will slide from right field to center, and Bella Richard, also a junior, will be starting her third year at first base. Senior Cassidy Trovato is back behind home plate.

Several local players will also be contributing to the Lady Rams success. Along with Smith, senior Karissa Kakleas of Tewksbury, and sophomore Jess Stevens will be looking to lead Shawsheen to the state tournament.

Karissa has been on the varsity for the last two years and has a strong work ethic. She can play third base, and first and she could see some time as the DH as well," Ialuna said. "Becca was born to play softball and is a natural leader. She was the leadoff hitter last year and

will probably do the same again this year. Jess had the best tryout of any grade this year. She is almost as good an infielder as she is an outfielder. She has a great opportunity to fill one of the voids left in the outfield."

Arena, Cushing and Logue will serve as the team's tri-captains.

Brooke is a four-year starter at second base, and has been one of the varsity pitchers for three years. She is more vocal than the others, and is great at rallying the troops, because she has the most experience," Ialuna said. "Katelyn is quiet but leads by example. She has led the team in almost every offensive category the last two years. Last year, she was the team's MVP. Alysha can play anywhere. She is willing to do anything and everything to help the team. Her versatility is incredible. She is by nature a catcher. However, last

year we needed an outfielder, so she started in left field. This year she is moving to the infield to be our shortstop."

As good as things look in the preseason for the Lady Rams, Ialuna knows that the path to the post season will not be an easy one, with the talent in the CAC on the rise.

"I think the league is up this year. Greater Lawrence and Greater Lowell will be better. Whittier won the league again, and finished 18-2 last year, so until someone knocks them off, they are still the team to beat," Ialuna said. "Essex Tech returns most of their team that finished 9-3 in the league and tied for second with us. Mystic Valley went 17-3 overall and returns most of their key players from last year as well."



The local players on this year's Shawsheen Tech Baseball team includes from left, Anthony Medeiros, C.J. Zemetres and Stephen Basler of Tewksbury and Zach Dancewicz of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

bring back a strong core of veteran players, they will miss the services of several key seniors off of last year's team, including starting pitcher Leo Frisella, first baseman John Cumiskey, shortstop Aaron Bennett and outfielder Craig Rich, who led the team in nearly every offensive category last season.

"The guys we lost to graduation from last year's team are tough to replace. There were a lot of key contributors there," McCarthy said. "However, every loss from last year's team opens up the door of opportunity for another kid to step up for us this year. You can see the desire and fire of those younger players, knowing they've got a shot to impact

the team. It's fun to see them compete, work hard, and get better. Even with some key losses, we are bringing back a great core group of players too."

"A handful of players got some valuable time and experience last year and we're hoping it pays dividends for us this year. The league (CAC Large) is always competitive, but we hope to be competitive with it this year once again."

McCarthy feels like his team is strong from top to bottom, but it is clear that the depth of their pitching staff will be a big key to their success.

"It's early in the pre-season, so it's always a little hard to say for sure what our strengths are, however,

our pitching and defense should be our team strength this year, at least early on," McCarthy said. "We have three veteran pitchers returning from last year and if they can come out of the gates early on and throw some solid ball for us, we should be ok."

"A handful of infielders are also returning behind them, so we are leaning on pitching and defense to win us some early games until our young lineup gets in mid-season form. However, they are not all young at the plate. We have a handful of hitters coming back as well near the top of the order. Players like Galinos, Alagna, and Zemetres had a big year for us last year at the plate."

As always, the CAC will provide plenty of stiff competition for the Rams, but McCarthy is confident his team can play with anyone.

"We hope to compete for a title as always. Whittier went 17-1 last year on the season so they are the reigning champs and are always a tough team in the league," McCarthy said. "Greater Lowell and Greater Lawrence were young and good last year too, so top to bottom, we've got our work cut out for us if we want to get back to being league champs."

"But if it's work that needs to be done, I have no doubt that this team will put in the work to make it happen."

Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse ready for another banner season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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BILLERICA -- Another year meant two more championship banners for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team last season, as the Rams captured both their second consecutive CAC championship, as well as their third consecutive Massachusetts State Vocational championship, finishing 16-6 overall, including a 12-1 mark in the CAC.

This has become somewhat of the norm for the Rams, who have established a model of excellence and consistency over the past 11 years under the direction of coach Chuck Baker, but the Rams enter this season in an even better situation than many years in the past, bringing back both of their top scorers, as well as their number one goalie from last year's squad.

Granted, the Rams do lose some very talented players off of last year's squad, including CAC MVP Jay Colletti, as well as their top faceoff specialist in Jacob Sinclair-Steeves, but they also return their two top

attack men in junior Owen Sullivan and senior Will Bouley, each of whom had 74 goals last season, as well as sophomore Kevin Kemp, who had 20 goals last year as a freshman.

"We had a great season last year and graduated some quality players, one in Jay Colletti the league MVP," Baker said. "We did win the league and State Vocational tournament again, and as always those are the top two goals as we begin this season. We are very excited for this season. We have to fill a huge void with faceoffs seeing that Sinclair-Steeves was a huge asset to our team."

The losses will be tough to take, Baker but acknowledges that the Rams look strong throughout their lineup, starting up front, but extending all the way through their lineup from front to back

"We return our entire starting attack, and we have a great sophomore class running at the mid position," Baker said. "And defensively we should also be strong."

Seniors Ryan Kelly and Jack Duggan are going to be



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Boys Lacrosse team includes from left, Nick Farrell, Mark Compameschi, Tom King, Matt Wright, Cam Hamel, Connor Rooney and Jordan Hamel. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

relied on at the midfield position for the Rams, while defensively, they will be looking to senior Mark Compameschi

of Wilmington, and sophomore Kam Neault of Tewksbury, along with junior Ryan Quinones and sophomore Shane Stairs.

Along with their returning attack me, the Rams may be strongest at the last line of defense, with senior goalie Chris Abele of Tewksbury back for another season,

after a stellar campaign last season where he had a .689 save percentage, including one shutout.

"Chris looks great in net. I am expecting a huge season out of him as a player and leader," Baker said. "We also have a freshman, Jonah Verallo who is looking very good in the net as well."

Some other locals who will be looking to contribute to the Rams this season will be Tewksbury residents Logan Singleton, Brady McFadden,

Dan Lee, Chris Mello and Jack Kenneally, along with Wilmington residents Nick Farrell, Tom King, Matt Wright, Cam Hamel, Connor Rooney, and Jordan Hamel.

As two time defending CAC champions, including a mark of 23-1 over the past two seasons in the league, there is plenty of reason for optimism for the Rams, but you won't find Baker looking past anybody as they head into the season.

"I never know what the

league is going to look like. All of the coaches are working hard to get lacrosse going at their schools," Baker said. "I am sure that Whittier will be a tough game as will Northeast. Mystic was young last season. Nashoba has been getting it together over the past few seasons."

"I am never over confident, but we look like we have the ability to be successful this season."

Reigning Voc State Champs hungry for more success

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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BILLERICA -- Things could not have gone much better for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team last season, as the Lady Rams went 12-7 on the season, capturing both the CAC championship as well as the

Massachusetts State Vocational Tournament Championship, winning the league title for the second consecutive season, while capturing their first ever state vocational title.

Shawsheen coach Alex O'Reilly, now entering her third season as head coach, has every belief that her

team can make another run at both titles despite losing Wilmington residents Annie Riddle and Shana Warford, along with Hannah Dechiara to graduation. But she also knows that in order for that to happen, the team must maintain the focus that they have shown for the past two seasons.

"I believe in our team and have no doubt in my mind that they are mentally equipped, skilled, and ready to achieve big things. These girls have set goals for themselves at the beginning of each season for the past two years," O'Reilly said. "They work tirelessly day in and day out without ever los-

work even harder to earn them back again."

If the Lady Rams are going to be successful once again this season, it will be due in large part to the contributions of several local players, including freshman Amanda Howell and junior Julia Ryan of Wilmington. Tewksbury residents with the team include senior captains Erin Mader, Alesha Talbot and Sarah Constantino along with junior defender Christa Davis.

Two of the biggest local stars among that group will be Howell and Ryan, with Howell joining the Lady Rams as a stellar defender and Ryan back for another season in net after missing her sophomore season.

"Amanda is a defensive force to be reckoned with. I had the pleasure of coaching her during the summer and fall club seasons with HGR last year. She is adjusting well so far to the speed of varsity-level games and she isn't afraid to turn it up during practices against the upperclassmen," O'Reilly said. "Julia is back between the pipes with us this season alongside Jess Sheppard (senior goaltender from Billerica)."

"Julia earned league MVP two years back as freshman, took a year off, and now has returned this season ready to go. Her teammates and I are pumped up to have her back on the field with us."

The local players will not be the only stars of the team, however, as the Lady Rams return almost their entire roster from last season, including senior tri-captain Catherine McKenna, along with junior attacks Kara Ippolito, Maddie Rumley and Megan Brown, senior attacks Taylor

Giordano and Jordan Casaubon, sophomore mid-fielder Jade Sweeney, senior defenders Rhiannon Bent and Shelby Delosh, junior defender Brooke Johnson and senior goalie Jess Sheppard.

"Our biggest strength has to be the amount of returning defensive players," O'Reilly said. "We lost three seniors last season, but our entire defense has returned this year and almost all of them have played together for the last three years with me. They play so cohesively - they're a strong defensive unit out on the field. Jess Sheppard is a strong leader in net down their end and Catherine McKenna stands out as a defensive leader as well."

The accomplishments of the past couple of seasons have been outstanding achievements for the Lady Rams, but they have also led to increased expectations for the team, while also assuring that they are getting each opponent's best effort every time they take the field. O'Reilly says her team is ready for the challenges ahead.

"When you start thinking about the CAC league title, Essex Tech and Mystic Valley are big threats who we focus a lot of energy towards. These girls are work horses and when they set their mind on something it is challenging to try and tell them otherwise," O'Reilly said. "They haven't formally organized our team goals yet for this season but I can already tell you that defending the CAC league and State Vocational Tourney titles will be on the list. We have a challenging schedule coming up - this team will be ready for it."



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Girls Lacrosse team includes from left, Julia Ryan, Mayeva Joseph, Amanda Howell, Celina Bureczak and Teagan McDonald. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	April 5	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Chelmsford	3:45 pm
Thursday	April 5	V Boys Lacrosse	at Chelmsford	4:00 pm
Friday	April 6	V Boys Tennis	at Lowell	4:00 pm
Friday	April 6	V Girls Tennis	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Saturday	April 7	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Burlington	11:00 am
Tuesday	April 10	V Girls Tennis	vs North Andover	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Boys Lacrosse	vs North Andover	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Boys Tennis	at North Andover	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Baseball	at Lowell	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Softball	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Girls Lacrosse	at North Andover	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 11	Boys/Girls Track	at Dracut	3:30 pm
Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	April 6	V Girls Tennis	vs Belmont	3:45 pm
Friday	April 6	V Boys Tennis	at Belmont	3:45 pm
Saturday	April 7	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Arl. Catholic	10:00 am
Monday	April 9	Boys/Girls Track	vs Melrose	3:30 pm
Monday	April 9	V Girls Tennis	at Reading	3:45 pm
Monday	April 9	V Boys Tennis	vs Reading	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Baseball	vs Woburn	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Softball	vs Woburn	3:45 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Belmont	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Boys Lacrosse	at Belmont	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 11	V Boys Tennis	vs Melrose	3:45 pm
Wednesday	April 11	V Girls Tennis	at Melrose	3:45 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	April 5	V Girls Lacrosse	at Triton	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 5	Boys/Girls Track	vs Mystic Valley	4:00 pm
Friday	April 6	V Softball	at Bedford	4:00 pm
Friday	April 6	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Arlington Cath	TBA
Monday	April 9	V Boys Lacrosse	at Minuteman	4:00 pm
Monday	April 9	V Baseball	at Gr. Lawrence	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 10	V Softball	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 10	Boys/Girls Track	at Lynn Tech	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 11	V Tennis	vs Fellowship	3:30 pm
Wednesday	April 11	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 11	V Baseball	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 11	V Girls Lacrosse	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm

ing sight of their goals.

"The past two seasons have proven to be very successful for them with league championships and the state vocational championship but none of that is permanent. Each season those titles go back up for grabs and we need to be ready to

Track teams preparing to clear more hurdles this season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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BILLERICA -- Both the Boys and Girls Track teams at Shawsheen Tech enter this season on the heels of outstanding performances last season, with the Boys squad capturing both the CAC regular season and league meet championship with an 8-1 record, while the Girls squad was nearly as successful finishing 7-2 overall.

Shawsheen coach Jeff McGrath, entering his fifth season with the Rams, sees plenty of reasons for optimism with both teams, as each brings back solid core of veterans from last year's squad, as well as a large group of newcomers who are eager to contribute.

On the Boys team, despite losing some talented ath-

letes like Connor Larson in the javelin, Ryan Ward in the shot put and discus and Christian Bennett shot put, the Rams return a talented group ready to vie for another title, or pair of titles.

"Our group is led by a very experienced and talented senior class that hopes to be able maximize their potential and perform well, both in our league, and at the state level," McGrath said. "Last year we were represented at All-States for the first time since 2007, and we had a strong presence at the D3 Eastern Mass Championships."

"We hope to be able to build on that momentum and compete for our league title as well as a State Vocational championship."

Leading the way for the Rams will be seniors Nick Gird in the 100 meters and

4x100 relay, Sam Baker in the triple jump, long jump and 4x100 Relay, Kyle Simonds in the 400-meter hurdles and 110-meter hurdles, Jared Mason of Tewksbury in the triple jump, long jump and 4x100 Relay, Sam Chebook in the 400 meters and 4x100 relay Nick Sachetta in the 400 meters and 800 meters, RJ Page in the mile, Ryan Smith in the two-mile, Joe Genetti in the 110-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles and Jake Myers one mile, along with junior Jason Myers of Tewksbury in the long jump and 400 meters.

Other seniors competing for the Rams will include Mike Cadden in the mile, Brian Caldwell in the 110-meter hurdles, Billy Eagan and Yani Flaounas in the 800 meters, Andrew Lopez in the



Track teams ready to clear more hurdles

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mile, Shawn Marshall of Wilmington in the shot put and discus, Story Michaud in the 800 meters and Jared Shibbes in the 200 meters.

Several local athletes will be contributing to the Rams success as well, including Tewksbury residents Michael Bankowski and Cole Privetera, along with Wilmington residents Zachary Morris, Derek Costello, Ralph Desrosiers and Sam Dalke.

GIRLS TRACK

On the Girls side, the Lady Rams will be looking to take that extra step to earn a league and possibly vocational title of their own. Having captured the CAC Freshman and Sophomore Meet last season, McGrath feels like they are ready to move forward.

"We hope to build on our success last year which we achieved with a very young group. After graduating just a single senior, and adding 19 freshmen and several upperclassmen newcomers to a very talented core, we think that we can be very competitive within our league," McGrath said.

"We hope to be able to once again compete for a Large School Vocational championship and reestablish our presence at the divisional meet after only having one athlete qualify last season."

While the Rams do lose Lauren Pottie, who competed in the 4x400 relay and the 800 meters, to graduation, they return several letter winners from last season.

Leading the way for the Lady Rams will be juniors Alex DiPerri in the 100 meters, 4x100 relay and long jump Shannon Fitzgerald in the triple jump, 400-meter hurdles and high jump, Monique Kazelyan in the 400 meters and long jump, Taylor Thurell in the 200 meters, Emily Morris in the one mile and Sam Moriconi in the shot put, triple jump and 100-meter hurdles, along with seniors Jackie Broderick of Wilmington in the 800 meters and Rachel MacDonald in the long jump, triple jump and 200 meters.

Several local athletes will be contributing to the Girls side as well, including Tewksbury residents Ivana Wisky, Janelle Arloek, Hayleigh Perry Karlie Strong, Ally Haley, Shayla Lee, and Jenn Tucci, along with Wilmington residents Brooke Bicknell, Isabel Manning, Rachelle Lequin and Rosie Brady.

PGA Jr. Golf League offered at TCC

PGA and LPGA Professionals in the Boston area are offering PGA Jr. League, a game-changing way for kids to learn and play golf and the event will be held in various golf courses including the Tewksbury Country Club.

The program brings friends and family together around fun, team golf experiences with expert coaching and instruction from PGA and LPGA Professionals.

Boys and girls of all background and skill levels learn and play together in a supportive, two-person scramble format that encourages mentorship, builds confidence, and promotes sportsmanship. PGA Jr. League is primarily for boys and girls ages 13, and under, though some facilities offer 16-and-under programs (included in the online program description).

Parents can visit PGAJrLeague.com to search with their kids for a team by ZIP code or facility, and register online.

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The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Girls Track-and-Field team include from left, Brooke Bicknell, Isabel Manning, Rachelle Lequin, Jackie Broderick and Rosie Brady. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Ephantus Wachira of 3 Cheever Avenue in Dracut, MA, who is the last registered owner of a 2003 Toyota Corolla Vin# 2T1BR32E03C141931 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about April 6, 2018 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
180350 3/21,28, 4/4/18

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
208 CAMBRIDGE STREET
EAST CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI18P1307EA

Estate of: Robert John Nicholas, Jr.
Also Known As: Robert J. Nicholas, Jr.
Date of Death: January 27, 2018

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert John Nicholas, III of Tewksbury MA.

Robert John Nicholas, III of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
180451 4/4/18



LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF HEALTH
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health will hold a public hearing on April 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall 1009 Main Street, First Floor Main Hall Meeting Room Tewksbury, MA requested by Joan Toscano, owner of Bradford Lantern Café, 853 Main Street, for a variance from Tewksbury BOH Rules and Regulations, Chapter 9: Grease Tank and Grease Trap Requirements for Food Establishments, section 9.5.2.1 and to the FDA 1999 Food Code section 5-204.11.

At that time, all interested parties will be heard. Copies of the proposal are available at the Tewksbury Board of Health Office located at the Tewksbury Town Hall.

Raymond Barry, Chairman
180422 4/4,11/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by James and Joanne Pesiridis for a Site Plan Special Permit, Village Residential Overlay District Special Permit to remove existing retail building and construct a new two-story mixed-use building that would feature two commercial office suites and one residential unit on the ground floor and four residential units on the second floor as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 725 Main Street, Assessor's Map 34, Lot 42, zoned Commercial and Village Residential Overlay.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Robert Fowler, Chairman
180406 4/4,11/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION OF SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2018 at 7:05 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank and Metro Sign & Awning for a Modification of Sign Special Permit to install banners on existing light poles as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 30 International Drive, Assessor's Map 53, Lot 1, zoned Office/Research.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Robert Fowler, Chairman
180448 4/4,11/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION OF SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2018 at 7:05 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank and Metro Sign & Awning for a Modification of Sign Special Permit (SP2017-11) to install banners on existing light poles as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1593 Andover Street, Assessor's Map 53, Lot 4, zoned Residential/Community Village Overlay District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Robert Fowler, Chairman
180446 4/4,11/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

MODIFICATION OF SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT
Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2018 at 7:05 P.M. at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank and Metro Sign & Awning on behalf of The Daly Group for a Modification of Sign Special Permit (SP2017-10) to install banners on existing light poles as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1605 Andover Street, Assessor's Map 53, Lot 5, zoned Residential/Community Village Overlay District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Robert Fowler, Chairman
180447 4/4,11/18

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL PERMIT FAMILY SUITE

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 23, 2018 at 7:10 P.M. in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Joseph Gennetti for a Family Suite Special Permit under Section 3400 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for a family suite not to exceed 1,000 square feet as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1368 Whipple Road, Assessor's Map 43, Lot 68, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.
Robert Fowler, Chair
180439 4/4,11/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

18SM001404

ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Daniel F. Babine
Karen M. Babine, f/k/a
Keren L. Mendelson

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

PHH Mortgage Corporation

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 6 State Street, given by Daniel F. Babine and Karen M. Babine to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Charles Schwab Bank, N.A., dated July 28, 2003, and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern Dis-

trict) Registry of Deeds in Book 15915, Page 90, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated August 28, 2013, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 27733, Page 263, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before May 7, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 21, 2018.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
17-030475
180423 4/4/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. MI18P1501PM

In the matter of: Helen Donahue Of: Tewksbury, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Jean M. Macero of Medford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Helen Donahue is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jean M. Macero of Medford, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective

order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/24/2018. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 27, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
180444 4/4/18

LEGAL NOTICE



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI18P1432EA

Estate of: Kevin C. Mansfield Also known as: Kevin Mansfield Date of Death: 10/10/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marie Mansfield of Tewksbury MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Marie Mansfield of Tewksbury MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/20/2018.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 23, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
180433 4/4/18

How to Put an End to Your Chronic Running Injuries

By GREG CROSSMAN
Guest Columnist

Knee pain is common in runners, with some studies showing that 30-50 percent of runners experience knee pain at some point. It's certainly a frequent problem I come across in my PT practice. The typical running patient says something like "Greg, my knees really hurt when I run. I get a mile or two into my run and they just start killing me. I think it has something to do with my hamstrings being tight, but I stretch and stretch and it doesn't help. I've tried everything - foam rolling, new running shoes, ice, anti-inflammatories, even taking a break from running, but the pain always comes back."

Tight hamstrings can indeed contribute to knee

problems such as IT band problems, pain around the knee cap area and even arthritis in the knee. The easy solutions are all listed above, but, oftentimes, to get to the real source of the problem, you have to look a little deeper.

It's important to consider body mechanics

In the example above, stretching did not seem to help. Let's consider why. The hamstring crosses both the hip and the knee joint. Its primary function is as a knee flexor, responsible for bending the knee. Its secondary function is as a hip extensor. The glutes are the primary hip extensor and a very powerful one, especially with activities such as running.

If the glutes are weak (a

side effect perhaps of sitting for much of the day) or not working properly, the hamstring will try to take over as a hip extensor as well. Now the hamstring is working overtime, and no amount of stretching will help.

In fact, weak glutes can lead to not only hamstring problems, but can also cause pain in other structures in the knee, back, hip, or even foot and ankle.

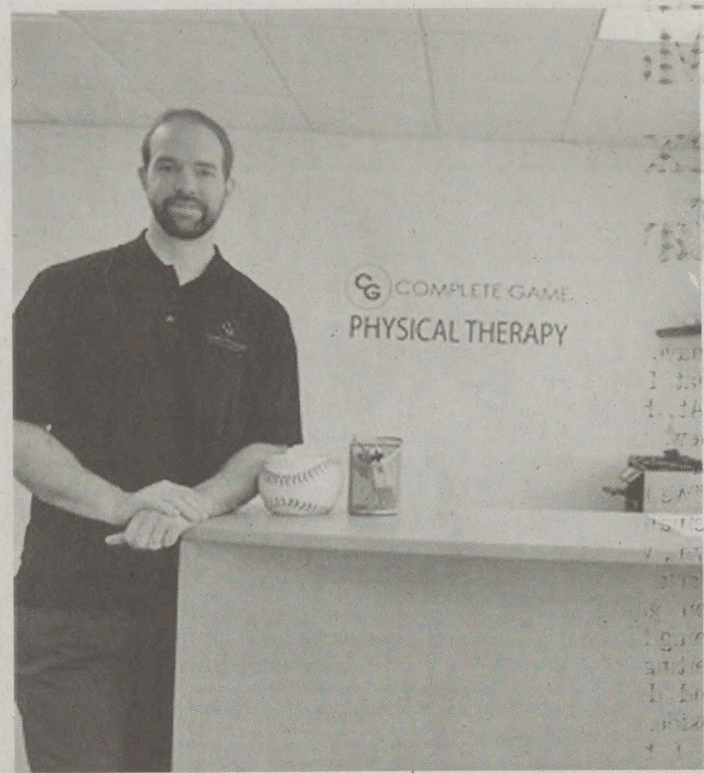
A movement screen can help

The hamstring compensating for weak glutes is only one example of the body compensating for weakness in one area with tightness in another. Often, when this sort of compensation occurs, it's easier to identify and address the symptom (tight hamstring) than the source

(weak glutes). Fortunately, there is a way to identify these type of movement problems before they lead to injury and you have to stop your running.

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Greg Crossman is physical therapist and owner of Complete Game Physical Therapy located at 1703 Middlesex Street in Lowell.

Slowly we step forward, inch by inch

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the season goes on," Kelley said. "I'm looking for great things from her this season and to work with her as well as with Shannon. The two of them have a lot to learn from each other and I look forward to seeing the two of them play."

Kelley will also be looking for big contributions from the rest of her returning seniors, with midfielder Olivia Carpenito and Ashley Rooney, attack Mia O'Connell, and defenders Bella LaMothe, and Meg Thomas.

"Each and every one of them are just good, solid athletes, and amazing leaders that to me they've sort of

become this tribe if you will, of what an all around lacrosse player should be. Keep an eye out for my senior class this year because this is the best I've seen them," Kelley said. "The seven of them will be very hard to replace."

Other key players for the Wildcats will include junior midfielder Jocelyn Palmer, junior attack Lexi Williams, and junior defender Gina Mastroioli.

"I watched Jocelyn play a lot last year and she has the drive and speed that I'm looking for along with Lexi," Kelley said. "Gina Mastroioli is always so solid back there and is so fun to

watch play. She is just so aggressive and isn't afraid to take the ball the entire way down the field, and that something every coach loves to see."

Juniors Cassidy Collins, Ana Petrovic, Sadie Deambrose, Natalie Gosselin, Ashlyn Finn, and Jillian Cyrus will all see playing time for the Wildcats, as will sophomores Julia Hill, Sam Burke, Shannon Barrett and Jessie McCullough, along with freshmen Zoe Rose and Ida Bishop.

With contributions from the entire roster, Kelley is confident that her team can achieve the lofty goals they

have set for themselves.

"Our main goal this year is to make it to the tournament. We were very close last year and we lost a handful of our games anywhere from one to four goals, and that's tough for them. Some of them were only one or two goals," Kelley said. "They were tasting it last year and they realized how close they came and their confidence over the years has really gotten a lot better and after ending last year so close we made it our goal to make it this year, and that's something we all really want. All the pieces are there, we just have to put them together."



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By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Timothy R. Penney and Lorraine Penney to First Residential Mortgage-Louisville, dated March 14, 2003 and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 14811, Page 206 (the "Mortgage"), which was thereafter confirmed by a Confirmatory Mortgage recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 16547, Page 223 of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust is the present holder by assignment from First Residential Mortgage-Louisville to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. dated June 19, 2017 recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31226, Page 40; as-

signment from CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. to Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP dated December 2, 2015 recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29628, Page 279 and assignment from Pretium Mortgage Credit Partners I Loan Acquisition, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust dated December 17, 2015 recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29742, Page 52, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 9 Revere Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on April 26, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land is situated in Wilmington, Middlesex

North County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

The land shown as Lots 528 through 548 and Lots 605-615 on a plan of land known as Wilmington Heights, Plan No. 1, drawn by N.W. Daley, recorded with said Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 27, Plan 73.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10582, Page 185.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the

sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Penney, Timothy R., 15-024370 180394 4/4,11,18/18

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Courtney M. Constantino and Joseph S. Constantino to Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union, dated September 30, 2015, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29466, Page 83, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on April 25, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 41 Mill Road, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage:

TO WIT:

Lot 5, with the building thereon, in the subdivision known as Kylie Estates in the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, as shown on Plan No. 3 of 13 of a subdivision plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision, Plan Lot Layout Plan", dated April 5, 2002, drawn by GCG Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, Wilmington, Massachusetts, which plan is filed with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 210, Page 149 (hereinafter "Premises"). Said Lot 5 contains 33,247 square feet more or less according to said plan.

This conveyance is subject to the right of Grantor, because Grantor expressly reserves the fee in the roadways from the conveyance hereunder, and the right to dedicate or convey the same to the Town of Wilmington as a public way at such time as the town is willing to accept such dedication or conveyance, the way shown as Mill Road on the plan, including the right to convey to the town the fee interest of the land and utilities in said way. The Grantor expressly grants to the Grantee the right to use the roadways, within the subdivision and as shown on the plan, as streets and ways are normally used in the Town of Wilmington.

This conveyance is further subject to the rights of its Grantor, which Grantor expressly reserves from the conveyance hereunder, to grant rights and easements for access, utilities, drainage and such other purposes as Grantor in its sole dis-

cretion deems advisable, in, on and over Mill Road.

Subject to a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant dated August 11, 2003 and recorded with said Registry, Book 15942, Page 181.

Subject to Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Common Scheme Restrictions dated May 5, 2003 and recorded in Book 16531, Page 1. Subject to an Order of Conditions recorded with said Registry, Book 14143, Page 11; including without limitations the following conditions:

In the development of individual house lots, all rooftop runoff shall be directed to underground infiltrators or drywells.

The Order shall apply to any successor in control or successor in interest of the property as described in the Notice of Intent and accompanying plans. Within ten (10) calendar days inclusive of the transfer of ownership of the subject parcel, in whole or in part, including lots or buildings conveyed under individual deeds, the Conservation Commission shall be notified in writing of the name and address of the new owner. Within ten (10) calendar days inclusive of such transfer, a written, notarized, affidavit shall be filed with the conservation Commission by the new owner, stating that he or she has read and understood the Orders of Conditions and all terms applicable to the project site and intends to comply with all provisions of the Order.

No rock salt (sodium chloride) shall be used on paved surfaces within 100 feet of wetlands and any arrangement for snow removal shall so stipulate. Permanent signs designating a no-salt zone shall be displayed in prominent locations.

Fertilizer utilized for landscaping and lawn care shall be organic and low-nitrogen content, and shall be used in moderation. Pesticides and herbicides shall not be used within 100 feet of a wetland resource area.

No underground storage of fuels is allowed within 100 feet of wetlands.

Permanent demarcation in the form of a post & rail fence shall be installed along the conservation restricted land on Lot 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 to prevent future encroachment of wetlands. This condition shall remain in perpetuity inclusive of the transfer of ownership of the subject property.

New property owners/homeowners shall be notified in writing that any work (including but not limited to grading, decks, clearing of vegetation, etc.) within 100 feet of wetlands may require a permit from the Conservation Commission. The letter shall include a plan of the lot indicating the wetland boundary, building(s) and any other features and shall also note that no dumping of yard waste, brush or other material is allowed in wetlands. Proof of such notification shall be submitted to Conservation Commission prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

Catch basins and manholes shall be equipped with sumps and oil traps, acceptable to the Town Engineer, which shall be inspected and cleaned on a semi-annual basis or as needed. After each inspection and cleaning, the Applicant shall provide the Conservation Commission written confirmation from the cleaning contractor that the inspection and cleaning were conducted.

Individual lot development shall be designed so that no structure (including sheds, decks, and garages) is less than 25 feet from the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW) and no landscaping is done within 15 feet of the BVW (no disturb zone). These setbacks shall be recorded on the Certificate of Compliance and continue in perpetuity.

The Applicant(s), owners and their successor and assigns shall maintain all elements of the drainage systems within any areas subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under MGL Chapter 131, A§ 40 (as amended) and 310 C.M.R. 10.00. This condition shall survive the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance. The Operation and Maintenance Plan (attached) to the Orders of Conditions is incorporated as an integral part of this Order.

Subject to an Easement to Verizon New England, Inc. dated June 6, 2003 and recorded with said Registry, Book 15435, Page 42.

Subject to an Easement to the Town of Wilmington dated October 16, 2003 and recorded in Book 16489, Page 225.

Subject to terms and conditions as set forth in a Special Permit recorded in Book 16347, Page 274.

Subject to an Easement for Underground Utilities to the Town of Reading recorded in Book 17033, Page 148.

Deer Run Developers, Inc., the "Developer", under a certain Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Common Scheme Restrictions recorded in Book 16531, Page 1, hereby certifies that it has approved all plans pursuant to Section 1 of such Declaration and that all work has been completed in conformity with said Declaration pursuant to Section 2 of the same.

Subject to all easements, restrictions and covenants of record.

For Mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 29466, Page 79

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all taxes, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water and sewer liens, and any other municipal assessments or liens, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances, is made in the deed.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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Mound and player experience should favor Baseball Team

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have to earn it. If we do that, I think we will be OK." At the time of the interview, the team had yet to have an outside practice.

"We haven't been out at all actually. If we played in the gym, we'd probably win the World Series, but what are you going to do? We are doing the best we can. We're getting the pitchers ready and doing a lot of hitting inside. The good thing about is I have a very veteran team. We don't have to go over the little things that we have done (at this point of the pre-season) because they have done them before so that's an advantage.

"I'd love to get outside. We were outside in the parking lot (last Wednesday) with the outfielders (but that's the extent of it)."

Among the players who graduated last year include pitcher Darin MacEacheron, who had three wins, DH/OF Dave Woods and catcher Robbie DuCharme, who took over those duties in the second half of the season after platooning with sophomore Gavin Kelsey. Now a junior, it appears as if Kelsey has the spot to himself, with junior Michael Fiorenza as the back-up.

"Gavin will be catching," said Cairra. "He caught a few games for us so I'm comfortable with him out there and the kids seem to be comfortable pitching to him."

Those throwing to him will certainly be the strength of this year's team. Seniors Chris Grecco and Danny Gracia are as good as any 1-2 punch in the area, while senior Graham Smith will serve as the closer and he's as good as any around.

Junior Chris Stokes was a nice surprise last year and he did quite well when called upon, while Cairra said Ben Maynard, Riley Zaya, Carl Beatrice and Ryan Collins, who is up from the JV team, could also see innings.

The entire infield will return with Jarred Aucoin at first, the platoon of Maynard and Zaya at second, Gracia at short and Grecco at third. When the two of them pitch, Beatrice, who has an excellent glove will play third and Stokes will most likely be at shortstop.

Also in the mix will be senior Dylan Bresnahan a first baseman, and Tim Kippenberger, a third baseman.

The outfield should be excellent once again with hard-nosed player Tommy Worob in left, Smith - arguably the best center fielder the program has had in a handful of years - and Matthew Rideout in right.

McCarthy Memorial 5K Event, this Sunday

The 9th Annual Meghan McCarthy Memorial 5K Run/Walk Event will be held on Sunday morning, held a sanctioned and timed 5K USATF Certified Course. The event is open to all, and you can either run or walk.

Participants can sign up on line by going to Active.com and selecting the Meghan McCarthy Road Race. Pre-race registration is \$30.00 for adults and \$20.00 for students. Timing done by Racewire.

The first 100 registrants will receive a free Long Sleeve T-Shirt so sign up early.

The race starts at 9:00 am sharp. Same day registration starts at 7:30 am. Registration will also be held on Saturday (pre-bib pick-up). The Saturday and Sunday registration fee: Adults \$35 and ages 18 and under \$20.00. Save money by registering on line!

Pre-bib pick-up: Tewksbury Sports Club, 1830 Main Street Tewksbury, on April 7th from 9:00 am-noon.

Juniors Peter Marino and Jack Boyle serve as back-up outfielders.

Last year the Wildcats did quite well offensively, but this year it'll be a different challenge.

"Offensively we have basically the same top five guys (as last year) and the bottom four we will just mix and match according to who is playing that day. Graham will lead-off, then it'll probably be Rideout, Worob, Aucoin and Gracia as the top five," said Cairra.

"We are really optimistic about this season, but the kids just have to play. We're not going to sneak up on anyone. We are going to get everyone's number one (starting pitcher) and the kids will have to deal with that, and those teams are going to want to beat us like we did to them last year."



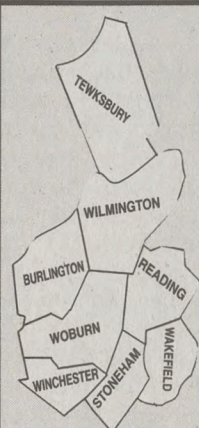
Last Thursday night, members of the WHS Varsity Boys Hockey Team assembled care packages with items they collected at their Military Appreciation Fundraiser Game for the Local Heroes Organization held earlier this season. L-R AJ McKearney, Chris Spinazola, Connor Benoit, Ryan St. Jean, Mike Fiorenza, Lou Cimaglia Director of Veterans Services, Tom Worob, Jarred Aucoin, Tom Robarge, Dylan Bresnahan, Moe DuCharme, Andrew Sullivan, Bobby Lord and Joe Mirabella. (courtesy photo).

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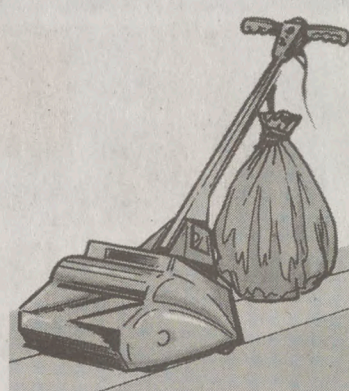
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Fitzgerald continues to advance in Professional Baseball

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place, constantly on the phone, constantly in meetings, and constantly listening to ever trade rumor circling, true or false, while paying attention to what other clubs are doing to improve their rosters.

"I had seen what trade deadline meetings were like in Pittsburgh and then I was part of it in my first year here in Arizona," said Fitzgerald. "I know Mike likes to be prepared with everything several weeks in advance. He wants to make sure that we are internally having all of the discussions about how we see our team, where we project opportunities for improvement, where our strengths are and Mike likes to make sure that we have all of those conversations before he starts reaching out to teams so we are all in alignment."

"We probably start our preparations a few days before everybody else does, in terms of meeting together as a group. Personally I enjoy that style of environment a lot. It allows us to have unfiltered, honest discussions and we're all able to collectively gather our thoughts and contribute to building our plan moving forward. Once that plan is put together, at least in pencil, of who we have interest in, who we need to check in on, then Mike, JP and Amiel will reach out to their counterparts from other teams and start to just take the temperature on things."

"And then after those first interactions, you try to figure out if this is something that both teams can eventually see eye-to-eye on or are we too far apart to continue the discussion? With the Detroit deal, that happened pretty early in the process and the two teams matched up. From our perspective, it was nice to get JD in a

Diamondbacks uniform with ten days to go before the deadline because some of the other deals we were able to explore (bringing in reliever David Hernandez and infielder Adam Rosales) probably wouldn't have happened if we had waited until the July 31st deadline to move forward with the JD deal.

"It's probably the longest days of the seasons in terms of the hours, but it's the same thing with the draft. It's not like we can hit the pause button with all of the stuff that we are doing. From a preparation standpoint with the opponents we are about to face, we have to keep on top of all of that stuff, so we still have the other big picture things going on. So that's probably the busiest time of the year that we log the most hours, but it's definitely fun and our group thrives off it. It's cool, especially knowing that you play a 162-game schedule and there's times when different things pop up and you can say 'OK, we can shift gears here' or focus on something that's a change of pace from the typical day-to-day routine or only focusing on the opponents you will be facing."

After getting eliminated by the Dodgers, the Diamondbacks regrouped a bit during this past off-season. There wasn't a lot of turnover in terms of players, but from an organizational standpoint, there was still that time to get more comfortable with one another as well as maximize staff members' strengths.

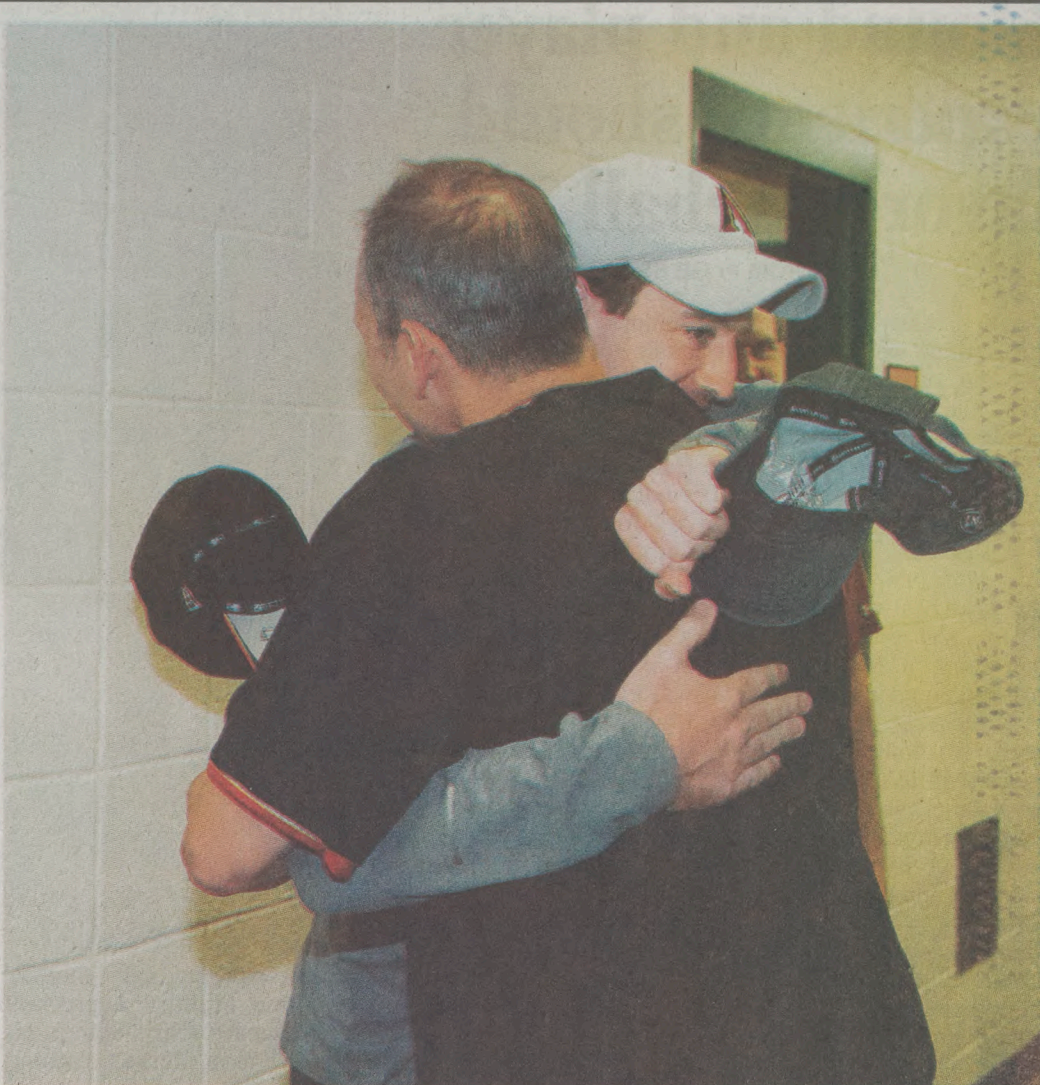
"Mike has definitely exceeded expectations with us so far," said Sawdaye. "There's just so many things that he has brought to the table. Working in (professional) baseball can be somewhat challenging from

many aspects especially on the analytical side because you are trying to introduce someone to an organization, and also try to integrate them into your baseball clubhouse. You can imagine there's a lot of old-school coaches and then there's also players who have to buy-in to what you are going to introduce them too. I think Mike's personality, his background and his ability to articulate with coaching staffs, with players when needed - we kind of new that he would be able to do that because he did it in Pittsburgh, but he definitely exceeded our expectations in that sense."

"I think also in a management perspective in a group of people that he works with in the front office, he's the glue. He spends a lot of times with the younger guys. They have a flag football team, they play basketball so he helps kind of - it's not that we don't do that, it's just we all have families so it's a little bit harder, so he does a lot of that (social) stuff with the younger guys. He takes them out to sporting events and things like that and I think that's all very important with our culture."

The culture within the actual team changed just a little bit. Martinez eventually went to Boston, while closer Fernando Rodney left for Minnesota and catcher Chris Iannetta left for the Rockies. Arizona replaced those guys with Brian Boxberger in the 'pen, Alex Avila behind the plate and then made a late Spring Training trade to acquire power hitter Steven Souza to replace some of the power lost when Martinez left town.

While players changed uniforms over the winter, Fitzgerald has continued to



After clinching a spot in the playoffs last year, Mike Fitzgerald and Manager Torey Lovullo exchange hugs as they celebrate together. (courtesy photo)

be an instrumental part to the Diamondbacks' Front Office.

"If I had to pick one area (of strength for Fitzgerald) I would say it would be the advanced (scouting) because it's what he has grown up doing," said Sawdaye. "I think he is good at dissecting the information that we get from our scouts who are out on the road and matching that with some of the data that we have, so being able to spend some time with the coaching staff in order to help and say 'OK, this is one of the things that I think we should try to focus on here' so there's a lot of different components to advanced scouting."

"The thing that separates Mike from others is his personality. He's so laid-back but he's also very competitive. I think his personality

separates him because he wants to win so badly and he will do whatever it takes to win and he can also go into the clubhouse and be pretty laid-back and also articulate what he thinks is important to our coaching staff. They may or may not use it, but I know that they lean on him for it. Coaching staffs who lean on people like Mike is really important to the game of (professional baseball)."

Currently the Diamondbacks are 4-1 on the season and sit in first place in the National League West. Among the wins was a thrilling 13-inning come from behind win over the Dodgers on Monday night.

"There's a lot of excitement with the club coming off last year's season," Fitzgerald said. "We have a lot of similar faces on this year's team that were here

last year. A lot of our guys last year, that was their first taste of the post-season and all that does is just make you even hungrier to get back there. I think that's definitely a realistic possibility for us (for this season) but at the same time there's a lot of uncertainty that takes place so we have to go out there and earn it. I do think there's an opportunity there and we're going to see where it goes and try to attack things the way we did last year, look at opportunities and ways to improve and look for opportunities to stay consistent with what worked for us last year and see where it takes us and hopefully enjoy the grind again."

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2012 Honda Civic LX Sedan
HP58951, Urban, 79K miles **\$8,998**

2012 Honda Fit Sport Hatchback
H181026, Orange Burst, 59K miles **\$10,498**

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HP59116, Black, 88K miles **\$10,998**

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H180974, Black **\$11,998**

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HP59185X, Polished Metal, 75K miles **\$12,698**

2013 Chevy Malibu LT Sedan
H180477, White, 45K miles **\$12,898**

2012 Honda Civic LX Sedan
HP5958, Silver, 41K miles **\$12,998**

2014 Honda Civic LX Sedan
HP5979, Kona, 36K miles **\$13,498**

2011 Honda CRV EX-L Nav. 4WD
H180711, Blue, 70K miles **\$13,998**

2016 Honda Fit LX Hatchback
H180574, Silver, 32K miles **\$13,998**

2015 Honda Civic LX Sedan
HP5904, Red, 23K miles **\$13,998**

2014 Subaru Outback Premium
H180538A, Gray, 79K miles **\$14,698**

2016 Honda Fit LX Hatchback
HP5924, White, 13K miles **\$14,998**

2015 Honda Civic LX Sedan
H180557, Black, 12K miles **\$15,898**

2009 Honda Ridgeline RTL Nav.
H181054, Silver **\$15,998**

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H180585, Silver, 2K miles **\$15,998**

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HP5923XX, Cocoa, 46K miles **\$16,998**

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HP5965, Basque Red, 36K miles **\$17,498**

2014 Honda CRV LX 4WD
HP5928, Modern Steel, 41K miles **\$17,698**

2015 Honda Civic SI Sedan
H180575, 6 Speed, Black, 51K miles **\$17,898**

2015 Honda Accord LX Sedan
H180809, Black, 18K miles **\$17,998**

2015 Honda Accord LX Sedan
HP5976XX, Black, 18K miles **\$17,998**

2017 Honda Accord LX Sedan
HP5901, Black, 22K miles **\$17,998**



2011 Chevy Equinox LTZ
Black • 48K miles
#H180577
\$13,998

2012 Infiniti G25 X Sedan
White • 63K miles
#HP5981
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2014 Mazda CZ5 Grand Touring
White • 32K miles
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White • 31K miles
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White • 41K miles
#H180307
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2015 Honda CRV LX 4WD
HP5951, Modern Steel, 26K miles **\$19,998**

2015 Honda CRV LX 4WD
HP5945, White, 24K miles **\$20,298**

2015 Honda CRV LX 4WD
HP5946, White, 20K miles **\$20,498**

2015 Honda Accord EXL Sedan
HP5960, White, 16K miles **\$20,698**

2015 Honda Civic SI Coupe
H180282, 6 Speed, Modern Steel, 18K miles **\$20,998**

2016 Honda CRV SE 4WD
H180492, Modern Steel, 45K miles **\$21,498**

2015 Honda CRV LX 4WD
HP5937, White, 10K miles **\$21,498**

2015 Honda CRV EX 4WD
HP5934, Black, 36K miles **\$21,698**

2015 Honda CRV EX 4WD
HP5970, Black, 31K miles **\$21,898**

2015 Honda CRV EX 4WD
HP5973, Silver, 32K miles **\$21,898**

2015 Subaru Crosstrek Limited
HP5910XX, Silver, 21K miles **\$21,998**

2012 Honda Odyssey Touring
H1802121, Silver, 37K miles **\$22,998**

2016 Honda CRV SE 4WD
H180511, Modern Steel, 7K miles **\$22,998**

2015 Honda Pilot Touring
HP5956, White, 48K miles **\$23,898**

2015 Honda Pilot EX
HP5956, White, 48K miles **\$23,898**

2015 Honda CRV EX-L 4WD
HP5974, Silver, 31K miles **\$23,998**

2016 Honda CRV EX-L 4WD
H180774, Black, 35K miles **\$24,998**

2015 Honda Odyssey EX
HP5957, Modern Steel, 28K miles **\$24,998**

2015 Chevy Colorado Crew Cab WT
H180908, Black, 21K miles **\$24,998**

2014 Honda Pilot Touring
H180475, Modern Steel, 50K miles **\$26,498**

2015 Honda Pilot EX-L
HP5966, Red, 26K miles **\$27,998**

2017 Acura TLX Advance Package
HP5959, Silver, 7K miles **\$34,598**

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HP5950X, Lunar Silver, 19K miles **\$38,998**

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H181008, Slate Gray, 36K miles **\$45,998**

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